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Discussions to cover bilateral and regional issues Premier visits Saudi Arabia for policy co-ordination talks

RIYADH, Nov 5, (Agencies): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, arrived in Saudi Arabia today on a five-day official visit for talks with Saudi leaders on bilateral and regional issues expected to focus on oil and the latest round of Gulf peace talks, officials said.

Sheikh Saad, who is leading a high-level government delegation, arrived in Riyadh, where Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz, welcomed him at the airport.

Sheikh Saad is scheduled to hold talks with Prince Abdullah on the situation in the Gulf region in the wake of the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, and ways of pushing the Geneva peace talks between the former combatants into a permanent peace settlement.

Boost

The talks are also expected to deal with the situation in the Middle East, and in particular how to boost the current Palestinian uprising on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Oil will also be a topic of discussion among the Saudis and Kuwaitis, who jointly control most of the Gulf's crude exports. Overproduction among Organisation of Petroleum

Exporting Countries has caused a glut on world markets and a sharp slide in prices.

Sheikh Saad underlined the importance of exchange of visits by senior officials to hold consultations to co-ordinate policies.

"Our strength lies in our co-operation and understanding," the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted Sheikh Saad as saying upon arrival at the start of his visit to the kingdom.

"We as officials of these countries, are working to provide welfare and stability of our people," he said.

Talks

Sheikh Saad pointed out that the Gulf region has undergone difficult circumstances. "But thanks to the Almighty God, with our collective efforts we have surmounted these problems and difficulties."

Sheikh Saad said his talks in Saudi Arabia were in preparation for the next GCC summit. Official sources said that Sheikh Saad's talks will include a meeting with King Fahd, who is now in Medina. Sheikh Saad phoned King Fahd today to convey the greetings of HH the Amir of Kuwait. Sheikh Saad also met GCC secretary-general Yaqoub Bishara.

In statements to the newspaper Al Sharq Al Awsat, Sheikh Saad said the circumstances through which the region was



Prince Abdullah (right) receiving HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad in Riyadh.

passing necessitated the exchange of views and efforts for the sake of "added prosperity and stabilisation of security."

"We have big hopes for the success of those (Iran-Iraq) negotiations so as to achieve the peace for which all states of the region aspire," he said. "No doubt that the states of the Gulf who look forward to the return of peace and harmony between

the two belligerents will work tirelessly to bolster every effort that ensures success of those negotiations."

The visit of Sheikh Saad, initially was scheduled for April but was postponed at the last minute when a Kuwait Airways jetliner was hijacked for 16 days by pro-Iranian fundamentalists. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia were the prime target of Iranian

threats over the eight years of the Iran-Iraq war.

But since the Aug 20 Gulf war ceasefire Kuwait has been fast mending its fences with Tehran and Saudi Arabia has made overtures to normalise ties it ruptured in April.

During his stay, Sheikh Saad will inspect the industrial cities and will perform umrah.

Threat to blow up ship

Mercenaries kill two hostages

LONDON, Nov 5, (Reuters): Mercenaries shot dead two hostages aboard a cargo ship they seized after trying to stage a coup in the Maldives, the vessel's captain told the British Broadcasting Corporation today.

The BBC said the captain of the Progress Light also reported in a radio interview that the mercenaries had wired his vessel with explosives and would blow it up unless the Indian Navy allowed them to sail for Sri Lanka.

The captain said in his message that the mercenaries were holding 25 hostages and they had threatened to kill everyone on board.

The BBC report did not identify the hostages reported killed but said two of those held were known to be Swiss.

Attempt

The Indian Navy chased and intercepted the 5,000-ton freighter, seized by the mercenaries on Thursday night after India sent paratroops to the Maldives to crush the attempt to topple the government.

A force of mercenaries, believed to have been recruited in Sri Lanka, attacked the Maldives capital, Male, before dawn on Thursday. India's High Commissioner, Arun Banerjee, said up to 32 people were killed in a day of fighting.

The Maldives Deputy Defence Minister, Ilias Ibrahim, said there were seven or eight foreign hostages on the freighter. They included some Filipinos and two Swiss.

A Swedish diplomat in Colombo said checks with travel agents had confirmed that all 600 Swedish tourists in groups in the islands were accounted for, so if Swedes were among the hostages they would have been travelling individually.

Banerjee said a Maldivian negotiating team was aboard one of the Indian vessels shadowing the Progress Light. He would not give the boat's exact position. He said the mercenaries,

apparently left Male in three boats less than 24 hours after landing.

They fled when the first wave of a 1,600-strong Indian paratroop force was flown to Male late on Thursday evening after Gayoom appealed for help.

"(The mercenaries) may have come in two boats, but they certainly left in three," he said. Indian forces knew where one of the other two was, but the third had disappeared, he said.

Banerjee said the Progress Light was listing. It was hit twice when Indian troops opened fire as it tried to slip out of Male under cover of darkness late on Thursday.

In Colombo, naval sources said two gunboats had been stationed off the south-west coast in case the vessel reached Sri Lankan waters.

It was not immediately clear how many gunmen were aboard the Progress Light but shortly after the coup attempt collapsed reports from Male spoke of up to 400 mercenaries fleeing by sea.

Banerjee said the attackers, who had engaged in fierce battles with the small Maldives security forces, melted away without a fight after the Indians arrived and secured the airport.

Uniforms

Official sources said the gunmen, who wore green check uniforms, appeared to be Sri Lankans accompanied by a few Maldivians.

Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom said the situation on the island was under control. "Everything is back to normal. I see no problem for the future as far as this coup attempt is concerned," he said.

HH the Amir of Kuwait today phoned Gayoom, who assured that the situation is under control in the Maldives, and that everything is back to normal.

The headquarters of the National Security Service (NSS) (Continued on Page 2)

Call taxis must have meters

METERS will be installed on all call taxis, according to new regulations issued by the Ministry of Interior.

The ministry's regulations set several conditions for operating a call taxi service. The firms must have a commercial licence from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The firms must possess a minimum of 10 taxis. This number should not exceed 30 unless a special permit has been obtained from the Traffic Department.

The firm's licence can be withdrawn after a month's warning period if the number of taxis falls below the minimum specified.

The firm must also provide adequate parking space for their taxis. The office and the taxis must also have communications facilities.

The firms should have a receptionist well-versed in both Arabic and English. The taxis must work for a minimum of 16 hours daily, including festivals and holidays, according to the new rules.

Desires

Cars over three years old will not be allowed to operate as taxis and all taxis must be air conditioned.

The colours of taxis is left to the desire of the firm. However, prior permission for this must be obtained from the Traffic Department.

Drivers of call taxis should be 'Kuwaitis'. But exceptions may be made to this rule and permission may be given to non-Kuwaitis to drive call taxis.

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Sikh radicals on the rampage

CHANDIGARH, India, Nov 5, (Reuters): Sikh extremists shot dead another seven people in the north Indian state of Punjab today, police said.

Extremists, who killed some 50 people in shootings and bomb blasts yesterday, attacked again in the districts of Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Bhatinda, police said. They gave no details.

The extremists demand an independent Sikh nation in Punjab.

The industrial town of Batala was put under curfew after 27 people were killed in bomb attacks yesterday. The same day, 16 farm labourers were gunned down in a Ludhiana district village and another eight people were shot dead elsewhere in the state.

Nusrat escapes attempt on life

LAHORE, Nov 5, (Agencies): Unidentified gunmen opened fire on a procession led by the mother of Pakistan's populist opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, but she was unhurt, a government official said today.

Begum Nusrat Bhutto, who shares the leadership of the Pakistan People's Party with her daughter, was en route to the airport in the central city of Multan when the shots were fired yesterday.

No one claimed responsibility, but both women accused an unnamed candidate of the opposition Pakistan Muslim

League of being behind the shooting. Authorities insisted the shooting was not directed at Nusrat Bhutto.

The PPP and the Muslim League are thought to be the leading contenders for power in the Nov 16 general elections. President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq called the elections shortly after he died in an airplane crash on Aug 17.

The government official in the Home Ministry, who asked not to be identified, said stones also were thrown during the ensuing clash between supporters of the PPP and rival political groups.

Tunisia frees 2,200 prisoners

TUNIS, Nov 5, (AP): To mark the first anniversary of his palace coup, President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali announced the immediate release of about 2,200 political and common law prisoners today.

Ben Ali ousted President Habib Bourguiba on Nov 7, 1987.

Ben Ali announced that the new releases were part of his effort "to empty the prisons of political detainees, strengthen national reconciliation and install understanding and concord among all Tunisians to allow them to take part in the building of a new Tunisia."

Among those released were 41 Islamic fundamentalists condemned for political crimes shortly before Bourguiba's ouster, and 47 others condemned since Ben Ali took power, either for leftist or Islamic causes. In addition, Ben Ali ordered the prosecution to be dropped against 70 people accused of security violations who "did not carry out or plan acts of violence."

The President also ordered the release or scrapping of sentences passed on 2,096 common law prisoners, and reprieved 20 others sentenced to fines. Six hundred and ninety-four prisoners sentenced to lose their political rights were rehabilitated.

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Bahrain may upgrade ties with Iran

BAHRAIN, Nov 5, (Reuters): Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa said his country hoped to upgrade diplomatic ties with Iran to ambassador level.

"We hope to exchange ambassadors in future. Iran might nominate an ambassador and we might nominate one, too," the weekly newspaper Al Adwa today quoted Sheikh Mohammed as saying.

He today received a message from his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati.

Message

Ties between the two countries were strained and diplomatic representation reduced during the Iran-Iraq war. Relations have improved since a ceasefire came into effect in August.

Last month, Iran sent a charge d'affaires to Bahrain.

In another development, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammed Besharati arrived in Oman today with a message from President Ali Khamenei for Sultan Qaboos, the Omani news agency reported.

It quoted Besharati as saying the message related to regional issues but gave no details.

Algerian cabinet

ALGIERS, Nov 5, (Reuters): Algerian President Chadli Benjedid asked Health Minister Kasdi Merbah today to form a new government after a referendum this week endorsed his plans to reform the constitution.

French defence minister in Riyadh for arms talks

RIYADH, Nov 5, (Agencies): French Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement arrived in Saudi Arabia today at the invitation of his Saudi counterpart, Prince Sultan.

The official Saudi Press Agency said Chevenement will be discussing military relations between the two countries and means of bolstering it, but it

Gulf peace talks

Make concessions, urges UN chief

GENEVA, Nov 5, (Reuters): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar appealed to Iran and Iraq today to make concessions at Gulf peace talks which have made little headway since they began in August.

"This afternoon I hope they will be a little bit more forthcoming," he said on arriving for his final session of a week's negotiations that produced no apparent compromise.

"Since the first day we have been providing them with ideas. It is not only for us to provide them with ideas."

Priority

The secretary-general was leaving in the evening for New York, where the UN General Assembly is in full swing.

His deputy, Swedish diplomat Jan Eliasson, will take his place in the talks, which resumed at the beginning of the week after a gap of nearly a month. They are

aimed at consolidating a fragile ceasefire which took effect on Aug 20.

Since soldiers are only metres (yards) apart at some points of the battlefield, Perez de Cuellar had set a troop withdrawal as a top priority. But the issue has become bogged down by other topics such as who owns the Shatt Al Arab waterway, which forms part of the two countries' southern border.

Some conference sources said the UN mediators had not even been able to gain acceptance of a proposal to pull troops back from the frontlines by several hundred metres until a complete withdrawal to international boundaries was achieved.

The question of the Shatt, one of the issues that led to the eight-year war, was particularly thorny.

Iraq granted its neighbour sovereignty over the eastern half of the waterway in the 1975

Algiers treaty but now rejects that.

Iran, insisting that international treaties cannot be unilaterally abrogated, refuses to yield sovereignty.

A second major issue that has emerged is the question of prisoners of war, with each side invoking humanitarianism to support its position while about 100,000 prisoners continue to languish in the camps.

Swapped

Iraq says all POWs should be swapped immediately since the talks are taking so long. It argues that the 1949 third Geneva Convention calls for such a step as soon as hostilities stop.

Iran says it is more important that Iraq pull back its troops behind international borders. However, it says it is willing on humanitarian grounds to see a quick exchange of sick and disabled POWs.

Israel to build new settlements

Shamir facing problem in forming coalition

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 5, (Reuters): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today that Israel would build new Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip if he formed a coalition government with right-wing and religious parties.

Shamir's Likud Party is expected to bring in four religious parties with three small far-right parties after Tuesday's inconclusive general election, but his possible partners are laying down stiff and at times conflicting conditions.

Shamir said in an Israeli radio interview broadcast today: "I have not promised anyone anything. I am aware of the requests but am more aware of the country's needs."

Asked about new Jewish settlements in the Israeli-occupied territories, he said: "Of course, there will be settlements."

Settlers

"Even during the current government... many new settlers came to the (occupied) areas. I see no reason why the new government, when it is convened, will not make new settlements possible."

Tehiya, one of the far-right parties with whom Likud has

been negotiating, said during the election campaign that it had sought assurances for 53 new settlements in the West Bank.

Around 65,000 Jews live in the areas captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, with 1.75 million Palestinians.

Six new settlements were permitted in the 1984 unity coalition agreement between Likud and the centre-left Labour Party, one of which was dedicated during the election campaign.

One Likud Member of Parliament, Meir Shitrit, urged Shamir today to form another government with Labour, headed by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, rather than be held hostage by the religious groups.

In the Gaza Strip today, troops shot and wounded eight high school students who threw stones and demonstrated in Khan Younis refugee camp after classes, Palestinian hospital officials said.

Two 17-year-old girls and a 12-year-old boy were among the wounded, they said. An Army spokesman said he was checking the report.

Palestinians also reported clashes in the West Bank cities.

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Huge street battles in the city centre

Police block Seoul anti-Chun march

SEOUL, Nov 5, (Reuters): Thousands of South Koreans fought pitched battles with riot police in the heart of Seoul today after authorities blocked a planned march on the home of disgraced strongman Chun Doo Hwan.

Streets near the Bank of Korea and the capital's main department stores were filled with rubble and burning tarmac in the worst city centre violence since the June 1987 popular revolt against Chun's autocratic rule. Riot police fired teargas to disperse chanting demonstrators as thousands marched through the centre of Seoul demanding Chun's arrest and the overthrow of his successor, President Roh Tae-Woo.

Scattered groups of protesters evaded police cordons to march into the downtown shopping district from north-east Seoul, where nearly 10,000 students, dissidents and ordinary citizens had gathered for an anti-Chun rally.

Shouted

"Arrest Chun Doo Hwan, bring down Roh Tae-Woo," shouted the protesters, many dressed in suits and ties or carrying briefcases, as they stopped traffic on main thoroughfares and urged bystanders to join in.

At Seoul station and a main intersection downtown, police fired rounds of teargas at the crowd, some of whom were just waiting for trains or on their way home. Radicals fought back with petrol bombs and rocks.

Dissident leaders had called for a peaceful march on Chun's home in north-west Seoul, demanding his arrest and trial for alleged massive corruption and brutality.

There was early violence as police blocked a crowd of more

than 5,000 who tried to take to the streets. Witnesses said demonstrators met a hail of tear-gas grenades when they refused to obey police orders to stop.

Clashed

Later, in the city centre, a crowd swollen by supporters picked up on the way clashed with police barricading the road.

Within minutes the night scene was illuminated by scores of petrol bombs and the swirling smoke of tear-gas shells.

The popular movement against Chun, a general who took power in a 1979 coup and ruled with an iron hand until handing over last February to elected successor Roh, really took off after the national political truce observed during the September Seoul Olympics.

Hearings

The National Assembly, now controlled by opposition parties, has spent the past few weeks holding public hearings on a string of alleged Chun misdeeds including the brutal military suppression of a 1980 popular revolt in the south-west city of Kwangju in which at least 200 died.

Other charges against him included setting up labour camps for political opponents in which at least 54 died, regularly torturing dissidents, and allowing his relatives to amass huge sums through illegal practices.

Roh, who left the country yesterday for an 11-day tour of Asian-Pacific countries, has so far kept faith with his old Army colleague and refused to prosecute him. But the pressure has risen in recent days.

According to the chief of South Korea's ruling Democratic Justice Party, Chun has promised to apologise for the excesses of his rule.

\$500m spy satellite for shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Nov 5, (Reuters): A \$500 million military spy satellite capable of scanning 80 per cent of the Soviet Union will be deployed from the space shuttle Atlantis in late November, an Aerospace industry journal said.

A vision week and space technology gave the most detailed description yet of the satellite in its latest issue, according to an advance copy of the magazine.

Atlantis, tentatively scheduled for liftoff between Nov 28-30 in the second manned US space mission since the 1986 Challenger disaster, is to be manned by five military officers for a secret Defence Department mission.



A Seoul citizen protects a plain clothes riot policeman from further punishment by club-wielding radical students during the anti-government street protest. (Reuters wirephoto)

China accuses US of hindering its reunification with Taiwan

BEIJING, Nov 5, (UPI): China today accused the United States of hindering its reunification with Taiwan and charged President Reagan had attempted to interfere in politics on the Nationalist-held island.

The Chinese attack came in an unusually harsh commentary in the latest edition of the state-run magazine 'Outlook', an influential weekly. Excerpts were carried by the official Xinhua news agency.

The article charged Washington violated a pledge not to obstruct China's reunification by allegedly cautioning Taipei that "excessive development" of ties with the communist mainland

may "not necessarily be good." The author, Zhang Jingxu, is an associate research fellow at the prestigious Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

The article claimed the United States told Taipei not to negotiate with Beijing on the issue of reunification and warned the island against suddenly "opening its door wide" to the mainland.

"The Americans have repeatedly told the Taiwan authorities to guard against the united front work of the Chinese Communist Party concerning the relaxation of tension across the Taiwan Straits," the article

said. It did not detail its basis for the charges.

Outlook also accused the United States of expanding political, military and economic ties with Taiwan "in an attempt to raise obstacles to China's reunification" and charged President Reagan meddled personally in China's internal affairs.

Zhang claimed that after the death of President Chiang Ching-Kuo last January, Reagan sent a personal note to leaders of the Kuomintang, or Nationalist Party, recommending President Lee Teng-Hui be appointed party chairman.

Dukakis, buoyed by new poll, predicts upset

WASHINGTON, Nov 5, (Reuters): Democrat Michael Dukakis, buoyed by a poll that shows him gaining on front-runner George Bush, is predicting an upset victory over his Republican rival in next Tuesday's presidential election.

The Massachusetts governor, after marching in a torchlight parade through downtown Chicago last night, invoked the memory of John Kennedy's 1960 surprise win over Richard Nixon.

"It reminded me what happened just 28 years ago," he said, apparently encouraged by the poll and the large turnout for the parade, a traditional election-year highlight for the Democrats.

Earlier he told a rally of more than 5,000 supporters in New York: "He's slipping and we're surging — aren't we?"

Dukakis planned to campaign today in Illinois, Michigan, Texas and, like Bush, end the day in Colorado.

Survey

The CBS television survey found Vice-President Bush's lead may have narrowed to seven points, putting the race at 51-44 per cent with three days to go before the vote. Last weekend, a similar CBS poll gave Bush a 12-point margin at 53-41 per cent.

Bush spent yesterday crisscrossing the country to hammer Dukakis at rallies in Connecticut, Ohio and Michigan.

Seizing on a state budget crisis in Massachusetts, Bush gleefully flashed a copy of a two-day-old Boston tabloid with the headline "what a mess."

"That's what used to be called the Massachusetts miracle," he said at a packed gymnasium in Fairfield, Connecticut, next door to the state Dukakis touts as proof of his budget-balancing abilities. "It turns out to be a mirage."

But Dukakis, who was showing the strain of the long campaign with dark shadows under his eyes and a raspy voice, apparently was energized by the cheering, boisterous crowd in Chicago.

Delivering his remarks with more gusto than earlier in the day, he vowed not to stop until he managed to "retire" Bush.

Police said 15,000 people turned out for the torchlight event, one of the biggest crowds in Dukakis' 19-month quest for the White House.

Four former rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination were among them: black civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, Senators Albert Gore of Tennessee and Paul Simon of Illinois and former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt.

President Reagan, who had scheduled campaign stops in four states yesterday and today, added a last-minute visit to his home state of California today in a bid to shore up Bush's lead after reports Dukakis was gaining ground there.

Erupted

Elsewhere on the campaign trail, star wars erupted with Bush trying to counter Dukakis' tactic of parading with the likes of Cher and Robert Redford by drafting musclemen Arnold Schwarzenegger for appearances in Ohio and New Jersey.

Dukakis, whose cousin Olympia won a Hollywood Oscar this year for her role in the film "Moonstruck," was hoping the stars would add lustre to a campaign that has been criticised as dull.

The CBS poll showed that those who made up their minds in the last few days were going for Dukakis by a three-to-two margin, according to the poll of 1,343 registered voters.

But most other recent nationwide polls have put Bush ahead by 10 percentage points or more. By some estimates, he is virtually assured of victory in enough key states to lock up the 270 electoral college votes needed to win.

Under the winner-takes-all system that decides the presidency, the candidate who wins a state's popular vote gets all of its electoral votes.

Sweden frees Palestinian suspects

STOCKHOLM, Nov 5, (Reuters): Swedish police said today they had released two men of Palestinian origin who had been suspected of links with a West German-based terrorist group.

They were among a group of six detained on Thursday in Uppsala, a university city 50 miles (80 km) north of Stockholm. They had been suspected of plotting acts of sabotage.

Police detained the two unidentified men after a tip-off from West Germany, where 14 members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC) were arrested last week.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Resignations

BELGRADE, Nov 5, (AP): Four members of the communist leadership of Yugoslavia's troubled southern province of Kosovo resigned yesterday, the official Tanjug news agency reported.

The resignations brought to five the number of top Kosovo leaders to step down after a meeting on Wednesday where the communist leadership of the Republic of Serbia and its province of Kosovo clashed over Serbian demands for a purge of Kosovo's ruling elite.

Nimeiri's riches

KHARTOUM, Nov 5, (AP): The Sudanese government is wrangling over what to do with more than \$15 million worth of confiscated gold, jewels and decorations that belonged to ousted President Gaafar Nimeiri, a newspaper reported today.

Al Adwa said Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi and a key lieutenant want to sell them to erase the memory of the pro-Western dictator's 16-year reign.

Mercenaries kill two hostages

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bore the scars of desperate fighting and was still heavily guarded today.

A one-metre (yard) wide hole had been blasted in the rear section of the white wall surrounding the building. Other parts of the wall were riddled with bullet holes.

The red, green and white national flag hung at half mast across the capital after the government declared a day of mourning for those killed.

The airport at the nearby island of Hulule was still closed to civilian flights, trapping thousands of foreign tourists, most of whom were safely sunbathing on small coral atolls hundreds of kms (miles) from Male.

Captured

Ibrahim said most of the hostages were captured while they prayed in a mosque at about 5 am on Thursday. The Maldives is a devoutly Muslim archipelago of 200,000 people.

Asked who was behind the attack, Ibrahim said: "This coup was organised by only a few Maldivians who are known criminals, and some of them have been jailed many times. The few Maldivians hired Sri Lankan Tamil mercenaries."

He said a 38-year-old exiled businessman, Abdullah Luthfee, who has lived in Sri Lanka since 1985, was involved in the attempt.

"He was seen with other mercenaries in Male on Thursday," he said. It was not known whether he was aboard the escape boat.

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Alleged coup plotters named

LUSAKA, Zambia, Nov 5, (AP): Zambian newspapers today named eight people, including the former Army commander, detained last month for allegedly plotting a coup.

Lt.-Gen. Christon Tembo, onetime military chief and more recently ambassador to West Germany, is being held with five fellow Army officers and two civilians, according to a government gazette notice published yesterday.

The others named are Lt.-Col. Chongo Shula, Maj. Nixone

Zulu, Maj. Epyrius Mulewa, Capt. Patrick Mambolwa, Lt. Bizwayo Nkumbi, Benjamin Yorani Mwila and Longwani Kachila.

An initial terse announcement at the time said nine people were detained in connection with subversive activities.

There was no immediate explanation why a ninth person was not named in a government gazette notice published yesterday and reproduced in local newspapers.

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Gulf ceasefire won't help free American hostages

BEIRUT, Nov 5, (Reuters): A militant pro-Iranian group holding two US hostages in Lebanon said the end of Iran's war with Iraq would not speed up the release of its captives.

Islamic Jihad, in its first public attempt to distance itself from Iran, said: "We repeat for the thousandth time and with insistence that the whole hostage issue had nothing to do with what is going on in the Gulf."

The continued detention of the hostages was the result of Washington's failure to honour its pledges and promises, it said in a statement sent to an international news agency in west Beirut.

It was apparently replying to US Vice-President George Bush who said on Monday he thought the Iran-Iraq ceasefire had improved prospects for the freedom of Americans held by extremists in Lebanon.

"I think it is in Iran's interest, though they don't hold the hostages, to do what they can to encourage their release," Bush told the US television network NBC.

Islamic Jihad's statement coincided with fresh reports of a US-Iranian deal to obtain the release of American hostages in view of the US presidential election on Nov 8.

Senior Muslim security sources told Reuters top officials from Hezbollah, which is widely believed to be behind the abduction of some foreigners in Lebanon, went to Tehran last week for talks on the hostages.

Meanwhile, the Syrian-backed Amal militia and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah said today they concluded a non-kidnaping pact to avert a military confrontation between the two main Shi'ite Muslim factions in Lebanon.

Statements issued by the two

groups said the agreement was sponsored by the command of a Syrian Army contingent in charge of security in Beirut's Muslim sector.

Amal, and Hezbollah, have been locked in a bloody struggle for dominance of the one million Shi'ites that make up Lebanon's largest single sect.

The Syrians sent troops into south Beirut's Shi'ite slums on May 27 to halt a three-week bloodbath between two rivals that left about 300 people killed and 1,000 wounded.

But the truce has lately been strained by a spate of kidnappings of each other's partisans in the slums, which prompted the Syrian command to pressure both factions into signing the new accord.

The statements said the last 17 kidnap victims were exchanged under the auspices of Syrian Army officers after the agreement was signed last night.

Mujahedeen to besiege Afghan capital

Indian pilots refuse to fly to Kabul

NEW DELHI, Nov 5, (UPI): The pilots of the state-run Indian Airlines have refused to fly to the Afghan capital, claiming unsafe conditions at the airport and forcing officials to cancel trips to Kabul, an airlines spokesman said today.

"We do not want to put the passengers at risk," said A.K. Sivanandan, an airlines official said, adding that the management will reschedule the flight to Kabul when the security conditions improve.

He said lately pilots have witnessed a marked deterioration in the security conditions around and inside the Kabul airport.

Indian Airlines operates two Boeing-737 flights a week to Kabul and its pilots have in the past complained of poor safety conditions at the Kabul airport to their management.

Two recent missile attacks aimed at the planes prompted pilots to refuse flights to Kabul, a pilot said.

He said the last flight to Kabul was on Oct 25, when the pilot

had to manoeuvre the plane to save the aircraft from two missiles.

The pilot also complained that the air traffic controllers often ignore safety regulation, allowing planes to land when another aircraft is on the runway.

It was not known who fired the missiles and whether they were meant to target civilian aircraft.

Besiege
Meanwhile, a mujahedeen leader said the rebels in Afghanistan will besiege Kabul and force it to surrender rather than try to storm the capital.

"We have the power to take Kabul by force, but we do not want to endanger the lives of civilians living in the city," said Burhanuddin Rabbani, chairman of the "Islamic Unity of Afghanistan Mujahedeen" coalition.

"Our strategy is to besiege Kabul and attack military targets in the city in order to force the enemy to surrender. So far we do not have any plan for a massive conventional attack on Kabul," he said during a news

conference, in New York.

Rabbani was aided by an interpreter and was accompanied by eight representatives of the seven major resistance parties.

They were in New York to watch the UN General Assembly adopt a consensus resolution calling for the continued Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, and respect for the UN-mediated Geneva accords on Afghanistan, and dialogue leading to a broad-based Afghan government.

War

"The war is still continuing in Afghanistan. The Geneva accords could not bring peace, Russian airplanes still continue their bombardments of bridges and cities," he said.

"Russian long-range rockets are hurting innocent people, the mines are causing deaths and injuries to women and children. Russians have introduced new weapons in Afghanistan. It is not certain whether their policy of withdrawal will be completed or not," Rabbani declared.

Under the Geneva accords, signed April 14, more than 100,000 Soviet troops are to be out of Afghanistan by Feb 15, 1989. The withdrawal began May 15, and is about half complete, according to Soviet and UN sources.

Rabbani said the mujahedeen now control about 90 per cent of Afghanistan's countryside in all provinces, except for provincial capitals. He said the rebels have captured five provincial capitals and more than 80 cities.

The Soviet Ambassador to Afghanistan said today that US and Pakistani weapons supplies to anti-government rebels have nearly ruined the Geneva troop withdrawal agreement.

In a statement to Afghan legislators in Kabul, Yuli Vorontsov also called for a new international debate on Afghanistan.

Pakistan today condemned the Soviet moves, saying they violated the Geneva accords and raised doubts about Moscow's commitment to end the war.

US must try to deter war in Middle East, says expert

WASHINGTON, Nov 5, (Reuters): In the light of the Israeli elections, the most compelling task for the Reagan administration and its successor will be to deter Arab military adventures in the Middle East, a former American ambassador to Israel said.

"This is going to be, in my view, a six-month or a year's period in which the major first order of business for the US administration has to be to deter military adventures," said Samuel Lewis, who served in Israel for 10 years and now heads the US Institute for Peace.

To do that, "we must reinforce during the transition of governments here and in the first month of the next administration, and demonstrate that the US-Israeli unwritten alliance is intact," he said.

Lewis, at a Brookings Institution conference, predicted the failed regional peace efforts pursued by Secretary of State George Shultz this year will not soon be revived.

Negotiations
"We're not going to be able to get back to a negotiating track for many months, in my view, maybe not for many years," he said.

Along with others on the panel, Lewis said he expected a new Israeli government to be led by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his right-wing Likud party, whom many blame for thwarting the Shultz peace initiative.

Arabs see the election as a disaster for peace prospects and this, coupled with a new Israeli clampdown on Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, almost certainly will strengthen a Syrian push for Arab military adventurism, he said.

Some analysts, including some State Department officials, suggest Shamir may surprise critics and work for peace.

Shamir, in an interview with the Washington Post on Friday, said he would not make any radical departures from Israel's past policies on Middle East peace. The remarks were seen as an attempt by Shamir to reassure Western leaders and American Jews following Tuesday's election.

Hungry in Asia may get more food

WASHINGTON, Nov 5, (AP): About half the world's hungry people—350 million of them—live in India and Bangladesh, but 140 million of them are on land with great promise of more farm production in the 1990s, a leading food expert said.

John A. Mellor, director of the International Food Policy Research Institute, said experts now know how to get more crops out of the valleys of the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers, where many of the world's poorest and hungriest people are concentrated.

"Twenty years ago, it was premature to talk about eliminating hunger and poverty in the world," he told reporters. "Now we have a base for doing it."

He sees that as a long-term project—15 to 20 years—based on developing better varieties of grains and soy beans, as well as better roads, bridges and other elements of infrastructure. Improving farming will have a multiplier effect on the growth of incomes because farmers use most of their increased earnings in ways that create more jobs, he said.

He pointed to the example of the United States, where only two or three per cent of the people are in farming but production of both food and industrial goods has increased tremendously since the days when most Americans were farmers.

To end poverty, people must get jobs in industry, he said.

Delegates quarrel over venue

Kampuchean talks delayed

PARIS, Nov 5, (Reuters): Peace talks between warring Kampuchean factions, scheduled to start today, have been put off until next week after delegates quarrelled over a venue for their meeting. Western diplomats said.

The planned meeting of resistance leaders Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Son Sann with Kampuchea's Prime Minister Hun Sen will now start on Monday at Sihanouk's hotel residence in Fere-en-Tardenois, some 120 km from Paris, they said.

Aides to Sihanouk confirmed the talks had been delayed and moved out of Paris but gave no explanation.

A flurry of behind-the-scenes diplomatic activity had surrounded several shifts of venue since Hun Sen arrived in Paris on Thursday to prepare for the talks, the diplomats said.

Western diplomats had said earlier in the week that the meet-

ing, ignored by the powerful third resistance faction, the Khmer Rouge, was unlikely to provide a quick solution to the conflict.

The talks were moved to Fere-en-Tardenois of Friday afternoon, the diplomats said, after some of the Kampuchean delegates rejected previous suggested venues.

Originally scheduled to take place in the Hotel Crillon, where a peace solution was hammered out for the Vietnam war which ended in 1975, the talks were moved in mid-week of the former residence of Kampuchea's ambassador to France.

France put the house at Sihanouk's disposal last December.

Recognition

Foreign Ministry officials declined all public comment, saying France did not recognise any Kampuchean government.

Sihanouk and Hun Sen have already met twice at hotels outside Paris in the past year to talk

about ways of ending 10 years of conflict between Chinese-backed resistance groups and the Vietnamese-sponsored government in power in Phnom Penh.

Venues in central Paris were proposed for this round of talks to try to end the conflict, which has raged since Vietnam invaded its Western neighbour in 1979 to oust the Khmer Rouge.

Western governments including the United States support Sihanouk on grounds he is the only powerbroker capable of uniting rival factions after the Vietnamese leave.

Vietnam invaded Kampuchea in 1978 to drive out the Khmer Rouge, which slaughtered more than one million people under the leadership of Pol Pot between 1975 and 1978.

Sihanouk last month expressed his willingness to try and form a coalition government with the Khmer Rouge if the group's leadership were purged of all those associated with Pol Pot and his policies.

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Seminar looks at future of mobile telephones

By Lima Al Khalafawi

A SEMINAR on cellular telephone systems in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states was opened yesterday at the Meridien Hotel by the Kuwaiti Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan.

The seminar will focus on long-term plans for GCC mobile telephone systems.

The seminar is being attended by delegations from GCC states and the Mobile Telephone Systems Co. (MTSC) and representatives from the Ministry of Communications.

Al Sharhan said that the role of mobile cellular phones should be enhanced, due to their significance in the social life of Gulf nationals.

He said that GCC states are working to upgrade cellular phone systems to the highest standards. He said he hopes that the two-day meeting will lead to a joint GCC system.

MTSC Managing Director and Board Chairman Abdullah Al Sabaj said he hopes the conference will decide to establish a joint mobile phone system, so that a Gulf national can use his cellular phone in the six GCC states.

Al Sabaj said that the world scene in the second half of the

20th century dictates that small countries with common goals join hands.

Today's world is witnessing a "real revolution" as far as mobile communications are concerned, he said. More and more people want to own this sophisticated instrument.

Revolution

The MTSC chief said the company wants to make the ownership of a mobile phone as easy as owning any common household appliance like a television or refrigerator.

To benefit from the expertise of pioneer countries in this field, Al Sabaj noted, the MTSC sponsored this seminar to offer the highest amount of information on the mobile telephone service and to exchange expertise with the other GCC states.

Radio Base Station Manager of MTSC in Kuwait, Khalid Al Hajeri, spoke about MTSC's future plans, including the expansion of existing services and the introduction of new services and products.

The existing cellular system cannot take more than 20,000 subscribers, he said. The company hopes to expand the system's capabilities to accommodate 20,000 more customers. Plans for paging and voice



Abdullah Al Sharhan

services are under way, he said. A mini-paging system with limited coverage is operating today and provides numeric and alpha-numeric paging service to 500 subscribers.

A nationwide paging system will be commissioned in April 1989, he said. The main system will provide numeric and alpha-numeric display and voice messaging services.

The alpha-numeric paging service will permit display in both Arabic and English charac-

ters. The pages will have a display screen with a capability of 80 characters, he said.

MTSC also plans to establish a trunked radio system that permits shared use of many frequencies among a large number of subscribers of various firms such as transport companies, construction companies and government organisations, he said.

MTSC is also pursuing the introduction of an applied financial services network and is discussing the proposal with banks,

investment firms and commercial organisations to determine the feasibility of the network.

Basically, the network would permit credit card verification on limits and validity of cards for local or international issuing, debit card charging at the point of sale, and control of automatic (electric) fund transfers.

Al Hajeri promised that MTSC will continue to provide the latest in telecommunications services for Kuwait, with a commitment to quality and diversity of services.

L. Peters, general manager of operations at MTSC in Kuwait, said that in the Middle East, and Kuwait in particular, mobile telephone service has been provided for personal and business use.

That means that many people will use the mobile telephone for periods of time that are not consistent with business usage time.

Busy

Although the cellular service does advertise the ability to serve 100,000 or more customers, the average length and frequency of calls during busy hours must be taken into consideration, he said.

These considerations demand careful study of the market and guaranteed performance from the equipment provider, he said.

Peters added that the solution to the problem of increasing capacity lies in advanced digital transmission technology.

Digital transmission is not as susceptible to interference as its predecessor. Digital transmission provides many benefits, he said. Generally, digital equipment consumes less power and service costs are lower, he said.

Access

The telecommunications network of the future will provide users with two types of access arrangements: fixed access via a wire-based network and moving access via a radio-based Cellular Access Digital Network (CADN), Peters said.

The technical aspects of digital concepts should bring the price of mobile telephone service within reach of a large segment of the population, he said. Presently, only 1 per cent of the population subscribes to the service. It's high cost is the main reason for this low rate of subscription, Peters said.

The seminar will continue tomorrow with lectures by a host of experts on the unification of mobile telephone systems and the new European system of mobile communications expected to be adopted in European countries by 1991.

European caution urged on Iran-Iraq talks

KUWAIT, Nov 5, (Reuters): The leader of a West European parliamentary delegation touring the Gulf urged European governments today not to interfere with Iran-Iraq peace talks now under way in Geneva.

Michael Langan, leader of the Irish Senate and chairman of the Parliamentary Association for Euro-Arab cooperation, said his group will urge European governments to distance themselves from the UN-sponsored talks which resumed last Monday.

Cautious

"We will be asking them to support efforts being made in the Gulf area to ensure that negotiations going on between Iran and Iraq will not be impeded," he told Reuters.

"Europe should be very careful not to get too deeply

involved in one side or another... Governments should not come out and make statements that could cause problems."

Iran and Iraq began talks to end their eight-year war five days after an Aug 20 ceasefire.

The Brussels-based organisation, formed in 1973, groups members of various West European parliaments concerned with Middle East issues and Euro-Arab relations.

Office

Langan said it had proposed that the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), an alliance grouping Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, should open an information office at European Community headquarters in Brussels. The GCC and the EEC are now discussing a free trade pact.

14 magnetic card phones installed

THE Ministry of Communications has installed 14 special telephones around the country as part of its new magnetic card project, according to a local daily.

Simultaneously, the ministry printed three different magnetic cards similar in design to the

auto-bank card. The cards are in denominations of KD3, KD5, and KD10.

The telephones will enable users to make as many overseas calls as the value of the card. The system will automatically shut off after the expiry of the card.

Soviet Union and Qatar support free navigation in Gulf waters

DOHA, Nov 5, (KUNA): The Soviet Union and Qatar today expressed support for security and free navigation in the Arab Gulf waters and called for further collective efforts to strengthen security and stability in the region.

In a joint communique following a three-day visit to Moscow by Qatari Foreign Minister Undersecretary Sheikh Hamad Bin Suheim Al Thani, the two countries said that making the Gulf an area of peace, security and good neighbourliness will benefit not only the region's states but also the whole world.

Efforts

The two countries also expressed the need for more efforts to push forward the current Geneva peace talks between the two neighbouring states. They further supported UN efforts to realise implementation of the

UN Security Council Resolution 598 as soon as possible.

"A peaceful settlement in the Middle East is only attainable through collective efforts and on basis of total Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, achievement of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people including the right for self-determination and establishment of their independent state," the communique carried by Radio Qatar said.

The communique said that the two countries stressed the need for an international Mideast peace conference under the UN auspices and with participation of UN Security Council permanent members as well as all parties concerned with the Middle East conflict, including the PLO.

The Soviet Union and Qatar also called for immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from south

New information system supported

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 5, (KUNA): Kuwait Friday expressed support for the establishment of a new world information and communication system to create better environment for peace and harmony.

Kuwaiti UN representative Khaled Al Otaibi told the Special Political Committee that its establishment required breaking up the monopoly on the mass media by developed nations to bridge the gap in dissemination of information between developed and developing countries.

Achieved

The Special Political Committee has been considering questions relating to the information for the last few days.

He said much had been achieved by the UN Department of Public Information (DPI), the Committee on Information and UNESCO, but much still needs to be done to ensure the establishment of a more just information order.

He called on DPI to highlight issues on peace and security, mobilise world public opinion in that regard and pay greater attention to the question of

human rights and its priority issues of apartheid, Namibia and Palestine.

Detrimental

"Incorrect information about Palestine has been detrimental to that cause, and the situation of the Palestinian people needs to be reflected more accurately," Al Otaibi said.

Participants at the Islamic Conference held in Jeddah Oct 11-13 reaffirmed their support for the new world information and communication order.

UN panel debates women's issues

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 5, (KUNA): Kuwait on Wednesday called on the committee on the elimination of discrimination against women to refrain from making recommendations which are counter to the values of Islamic countries.

Referring to the committee's report, Kuwaiti representative Salem Abdullah Al Jabir Al Sabah expressed surprise at the committee's request for a study of Islamic religion and customs as a source of influence on laws relating to the status of women.

Unfair

Al Sabah was addressing the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee which was continuing its debate on women's issues under the chairmanship of Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammed Abulhasan.

"Why is Islam, of all religions of the world, selected as subject of study?" Al Sabah asked, adding that there was some bias against it.

He said many traditions are mere habits inherited by Islamic countries prior to Islam.

Appetizers fresh but deadly

BAHRAIN, Nov 5, (Reuters): "Bring the booze, the appetizers are fresh" a cartoon in a Bahrain newspaper said, but authorities in the Gulf state warned that eating locusts could be fatal.

Agriculture Ministry officials said on Thursday locusts that hit the island had been sprayed with pesticide and are highly poisonous.

One official told Reuters a small number of locusts had escaped teams in Iraq and Kuwait in the northern Gulf and descended on Bahrain on Wednesday where they were quickly exterminated.

Snacks

Akhbar Al Khaleej newspaper published five cartoons on Thursday depicting Bahrainis eating different dishes cooked with locusts.

Locusts are popular as snacks in Gulf Arab states and one cartoon showed a father ordering his sons to eat the locusts "which are full of vitamins and proteins they collected in Africa."

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The Ambassador of Japan, Tsuyoshi Kurokawa, held a reception last night at the Hilton Hotel to introduce himself and to commemorate Japan Week. Kurokawa is pictured here with the Turkish Ambassador, Guner Oztek.

Therefore, one should not be hasty in interpreting every practice as being called for by Islam.

Al Sabah said the request for the study was unfair and called on the committee to not carry it out.

He said his country's labour law sought to give women equal remuneration for equal work and to prevent women from working at night and in dangerous jobs.

Many Kuwaiti women, have received higher education and are leaders in many fields. Women, serve as deputy ministers, senior directors of private companies and deans in educational institutions, he said.

Oppression

He called on the international community to devote attention to women who suffer from the Israeli oppression in the occupied territories and from apartheid in South Africa.

Meanwhile, on Thursday Bahrain expressed hope that the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and other UN organisations will respond to the Arab

women experts' recommendations when formulating their regional programmes in the Arab world.

Bibi Sharaf Al Alawi, Bahraini representative in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee of the General Assembly, was referring to the UNDP meeting of Arab women experts in Cairo last month.

Training

"There should be more concentration on the training of women so they can participate without barriers and attain equal work opportunities," Al Alawi said.

Next year Bahrain will host the Conference of Women in the Gulf and Arab Peninsula. The meeting will consider the role of women in development. The conference is convened every two years.

She said sociologists have revealed women's importance in society in terms of conditioning behaviour and guiding events in society and "that applied to Arab women who were increasing their participation in society."

Latest fashion styles on show



Models pose at the autumn and winter fashion show.

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE well-known Vogue boutique in Kuwait recently presented their 1988-89 autumn and winter fashion show.

The latest collections of sophisticated clothes were displayed by the top names in Europe's fashion world, including

Ungaro, Christian Dior, Kenzo, Balenciaga and Chanel.

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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Indian troupe performs

'YAKSHAGANA' an Indian cultural troupe, performed here Thursday night at the Hilton Hotel in front of an enthusiastic audience.

The 12-member troupe staged the epic of 'Kumar Vinjaya' from the Indian mythology. The story deals with the triumph of good over evil, in keeping with the spirit of 'Diwali' — the Indian festival.

The unique aspect of the troupe is that some of the artistes are amateurs who pursued professional careers in medicine, law, and business outside the theatre.

M.M. Hedge, the leader of the troupe, is in his 70s. He is also a well-known lawyer.

'Yakshagana' is the folk theatre of Karnataka state of India. It is an amalgam of dance, music, dialogue and decor. This unique art originated in the villages of Karnataka in the 16th century. Gradually, the art spread throughout India and was introduced by Indians abroad.

All the artistes gave a virtuoso performance and kept the audience spellbound for over two hours. The artistes stepped on stage wearing resplendent outfits and heavy 'make-up', true to the tradition in Indian mythology.

'Yakshagana' can be said to be complicated requiring versatile performers. The artistes must dance, sing, speak and of course act.

One of the extraordinary aspects of this ancient art is that all performers must be male. It was richly amusing to see the 'boys' play the feminine roles with such aplomb and realism.

'Yakshagana' was organised by the Bahrain Kannada Sanga Club. This is the third time the troupe performed here at the invitation of the club. Proceeds from the show, BD2001, were donated to the Geriatric Hospital in Muharraq.

Health Minister Jawad Al Arayed, who attended the show, said: "Even the smallest effort by the smallest man is as big as the world we live in."

New medication approved

REGAINE — a new hair growth medication — has been approved by the Ministry of Health of Bahrain and is expected to be available on the island in early December, according to a press release issued here.

According to the manufacturers and developers of the medication, Upjohn of American, Regaine is a 2 per cent minoxidil topical solution for the treatment of male pattern baldness. The company's general manager for the Middle East, Mario Iseppi, claims that Regaine is the first scientifically tested product for the treatment of male pattern baldness.

Regaine is said to be marketed in nearly 50 countries. In the Middle East it is available in Lebanon, Qatar and the UAE. Regaine will be distributed in Bahrain by Wael Pharmacy and Drugstore.

Stevens concert planned

SHAKY Stevens, one of the great names in pop music in recent years, will "shake, rattle and roll" at the Diplomat Hotel here on Nov 17.

The Welsh singer, who admits to be greatly inspired and influenced by Elvis Presley, has a style reminiscent of the late "King of rock 'n' roll."

Stevens has had no less than 26 consecutive top 20 singles. There will be plenty of nostalgia as Stevens performs old classics like his first big hit "Hot Dog," and others like "This Old House," "Oh Julie," and "Because I Love You."

This will be Stevens' second visit to Bahrain.

Military manoeuvre begins

KUWAIT, Nov 5, (KUNA): The GCC's "Peninsula Falcon 88" manoeuvre, the largest in the history of the country and region, begins its 10-day programme today with the participation of all of the six members.

In addition to 44 fighters, the manoeuvre groups other military land vehicles and many soldiers.

The fighters will be armed with live ammunition, with the backup of the "Peninsula Shield" land forces, which will participate in the last phase of the exercise.

The aircraft to take part will include Mirage F-1, Skyhawk F-5, Tornado and Jaguar in addition to Gazelle and Puma and Super Puma choppers.

The Peninsula Falcon manoeuvres, which had their first exercise in Oman, is aiming at exchanging expertise among GCC pilots and backing the Peninsula Shield forces.

Shoppers victims of cheating, director says

SHOPPERS are victims of cheating due to the absence of consumer awareness, according to Abdullah Al Mulla, the Supply and Consumer Protection Department director at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Common cheating occurs at the gold market and at shops which sell government subsidised products at higher prices and without permits.

To avoid commercial cheating, Al Mulla recommended a co-operative effort by all authorities to protect consumers and the establishment of specialised laboratories to test and analyse imported and local products to ensure specifications.

Efforts

According to annual statistics, 261 commercial cheating citations were issued from Jan 1, 1988 to Sept 30, 1988.

The Supply and Consumers Protection Department through regulations exerts efforts to censor erring shops in Kuwait, Al Mulla said.

Symposium on computer applications

A SYMPOSIUM on computer applications in general education will be held in Manama next Saturday.

The symposium, organised by the Gulf Arabian Educational Office, will focus on the importance and applications of computers and plans for their uses in

general education in the seven member states.

The four-day symposium will also review reports presented by member states on this issue.

Thirty representatives from the seven member states, will participate in the symposium.

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British envoy tells students to pursue sports, culture

THE British Ambassador to Kuwait, Peter Hinchcliffe, called on students not to neglect sports and culture in their pursuit of academics. Addressing the students of the New English School (NES) on their 14th annual sports day last Thursday, Hinchcliffe said it was imperative to make "maximum efforts and take an active part in sports and cultural activities" and avoid becoming "pure academics."

He said varied interests help create a balanced individual. Hinchcliffe said the performance of NES students in the 1988 GCE exams "could not have been bettered by students of any British school anywhere in the world."

A total of 350 students appeared at the 1987/88 GCE exams, producing a pass rate of 94 per cent at "O" level, which compares with the world average for London University of 57 per cent; and 84 per cent at "A" level, with a world average of 41 per cent.

NES Director A.J. Rodgers said the results were remarkable considering that most students were taking an external examination in a language that is not their mother tongue.

NES Chairman Tareq Rajab will next year publish a booklet to mark the school's 20th anniversary, detailing the his-



A.J. Rodgers presents the annual report.

story of the school from time of its inception in 1969 when it had 43 students and 12 staff.

Rajab could not attend the Speech Day due to an unfortunate injury and was represented by his wife, Mrs Jehan Rajab.

Parents were entertained by the school choir and band, and their presentation of "Rock around the clock" was well received.

NES Headgirl Dinah Yousry proposed a vote of thanks. There are eight schools, with more than 6,500 students, teaching the British system in Kuwait.

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Hinchcliffe presents a certificate to one of the students.



Jha opening the Kannada Koota show.



The tiny tots in performance. (Photos by Mohd. Abbas)

Cheerful show for children

ALL the toys come to life and fight each other over who should claim the affection of the ballerina in the Puppet Show, one of the interesting items presented by children at the Kuwait Kannada Koota's programme held on Friday night at the Sharq Co-operative Hall.

It was organised to mark the Nehru Centenary Year and the Karnataka Rajyotsava celebration.

The Puppet Show, a fairy tale on the lines of the Wizard of Oz,

ends with the disgruntled fairy restoring the toys to their former selves because "they were behaving like humans."

The adults joined in the fun with a skit called "Anda (Past), Anda (Present) and Anda (Future)," defining the so-called role of men and women in a marriage. The "past," predictably was about the subservient wife serving and obeying her husband's commands; the "present" was more topical: "Don't let them (husbands) know you can cook," advises

one friend to another. And the husband believes he has been "putting up with women's equality" to humour his wife. Well! There was humour in the situation. The prospects for the year 2000 and beyond promised to reverse the traditional roles: with the hen-pecked husband playing the petrified sub-servient role, too "frightened to go out on his own at night for fear of being chased and propositioned by women's gangs" — a rather unlikely prospect. Some men in the audience were not too happy with the reversal of roles, as envisaged by the Kannada-speakers.

The children looked adorable in their costumes, cheerfully dancing their way into our hearts at the informal evening.

The show was opened by the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait N.N. Jha.

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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Malaf Samiya Sharawi (Arabic)
Starring: Nadiya Al Jundi, Farouk Fishawi
Al Salmiya
Police Academy 5
Starring: Bubba Smith, David Croft
Al Hamra
Lethal Weapon
Starring: Mel Gibson, Danny Galt
Drive-In
Ighat Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sabreen, Hisham Salim, Salak Qabil
Al Firdous
Pyasa Sawan (Hindi)
Starring: Moushumi Chatterjee, Keena Roy
Fahad Open-Air
Dayavan (Hindi)
Starring: Feroz Khan.

Vinod Khanna, Madhuri Dixit
Al Fahad
Raiders of Paradise
Al Jahra
Qurbani (Hindi)
Granada
Jurmama (Hindi)
Salaikhat
Aliens
Al Jeeb
Gopi (Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-In
Ultimate Force

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.44 am
Zuhr	11.32
Asr	2.36 pm
Maghreb	4.58
Isha	6.17

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Dars Khusoosi: local serial. Starring: Abdul Hussein Abdul Rida, Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahad.
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Wa Yabqa Al Amal: daily Arabic serial, starring Abter Essa, Mohammad Qabbani, Shafiqah Tall, Tayseer Attiya.
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Believe It Or Not!
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amiaq: cartoons
5.15 Tum Tek and Children
5.30 Eureka
6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: his-

torical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan.

7.00 News Summary
7.20 Songs
7.50 Diwanayat Shuara Al Nabt: poetry session
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashiya: Arabic serial, starring Jafar Saadi, Qassim Mohammad, Salmiya Qadir, Laila Mohammad, Sana Abdul Rahman.
10.45 Variety Show featuring Kuwaiti singer Abu Bakr Salem, hosted by Amina Al Sharrab.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thundercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: "Space." A look at human endeavours to explore space.

Sweet flight

THE Indian Tamils in Kuwait celebrated the launch of the direct Kuwait-Madras flight by British Airways. They demonstrated their joy by distributing sweets to all passengers on-board the inaugural flight on Friday. The Indian sweets were prepared by the ladies of the Bharati Kalai Mandram, the Tamil group here.

Show at the Hilton: eye-catching new electronic goods. NOV 6/7: Hilton Hotel. Japanese cultural show featuring traditional "fast foods," magic show, candy-making, traditional games and folk dances.

Both events are at Kuwait Hilton. All are welcome. Admission to all the above events is free.

Nite Flight 88
NOV 10: SAS Hotel. The Tent. 9.30 pm: Airline staff will hold a social evening with

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Salem Pharmacy
nr. Sheraton, Fahd Al Salem St.
Ghazwa Pharmacy
Kazemi Bldg., Khalid Bin Walid St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Hawalli Pharmacy
Hashmi Bldg., Tunis St.
Salma and Rumaithiya

Ibn Nafis Pharmacy
Hmoud Khalifa Al Humaidi Bldg., Hamad Al Mubarak St.
Fahad and Ahmadi
Al Adel Pharmacy
Awadhi Bldg., F'heel
Jeeb Al Shiyoohk
Fallaqa Pharmacy
Opp. Police Stn., Main St.
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

Club on Nov 11. Super prizes. Closing date for entries is Nov 9. Application forms available at SAS Club reception. For details call 4745916 or 9022058. BA Speedbird Trophy

NOV 18 (Friday). 9 am: Forty-five over all-day match for the BA Speedbird Trophy between a Great Britain XI and an Indian Select XI at the KOC Ground, Ahmadi. India XI's Man of the Match will win a roundtrip ticket: Kuwait-Madras or Kuwait-Delhi. All are welcome.

SPORTS

Windsurfing Competition
LAST chance to enter the annual windsurfing and photographic competitions, which will be held at the SAS



Main spa resort project is the first of its kind in the Middle East area. The natural hot waterfalls of Main which flows out of the depth of the ground since many ages contains the rate of 200 m.g./litre of dissolved mineral salts which makes it one of the best health resorts in the world.

Laboratory and medical examinations and studies have proved that this water helps

cure many diseases like: rheumatism, arthritis, respiratory and digestive diseases, sinusitis, skin diseases, nerve diseases, blood circulation diseases and asthma.

The project includes * Treatment pools with two sections: One for men and another for women. * A Five Star hotel including 142 rooms and equipped with latest medical equipment was established there to be one of the unique

sanitariums in the Middle East. The hotel includes three restaurants which provides various and famous Arab cuisine that satisfies all tastes.

In addition to being a treatment resort, Main spa is one of the most beautiful touristic locations for comfort and recreation away from the daily stressing work. It is located approximately 50 kilometres to eastern south of Amman. A resident specialised

medical board is completely devoted to supervise and take care of visitors and patients with the assistance of a therapist.

Needless to say, that Jordan is well known for visitors and tourists for its distinguished geographical location, historical antiquities, attractive touristic utilities, moderate weather and hospitality of its people.



Managing Director of Barakat Travels Company, Tayseer Barakat, held a press conference at Kuwait Sheraton Hotel last week for acquainting citizens and residents of Kuwait with Main Spa Project in Jordan.

Mr. Barakat explained to the media men the qualities and aspects of this project which is unique of its kind in the Arab world and the Middle East. Counting the distinguished qualities of the site of the Spa Project, Barakat said that the Main village includes 60 natural water springs, whose waters contain the highest rate of dissolved salts and minerals that make it unique and highly valuable for those who seek physical cure and comfort. Barakat noted that the climate of that area is very moderate in winter and the temperature does not drop beyond 15 degrees centigrade at any time during winter which attracts large numbers of visitors and tourists.

He said that Barakat Travels Company will provide comprehensive services to its clients including issuance of air tickets, confirmation of reservations, hotel reservations, organize individual and collective tourist programmes which include sea picnics anywhere in the world and collective voyages by buses and trains inside Europe.

Barakat said that the responsibility of his company starts after the issuance of tickets



where the company follows up the transactions and solves any problem that may confront the client anywhere in the world. Barakat announced that his company has employed a team of youths who are highly qualified in the field of tourism and travels and long experience in the service of businessmen whose requirements need special effort and personal follow up from the management of the company. He added that the company has furnished a large and comfortable office in Salhiya area, Souk Al Muttahida, under the United Trading Company, to ensure the comfort of its clients.

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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES
Thought for today

FOR precocity some great price is always demanded sooner or later in life — Margaret Fuller, US poet-writer (1871-1954).

South Africa's World War II fighters
Black war veterans beg for pensions

By Rich Mkhondo

MADIBOGO, South Africa. (Reuters) John Choeu fought for his country during World War II. Today he is fighting for a veteran's pension to see him through his twilight years.

Choeu was one of 70,000 black, Indian and coloured (mixed-race) South Africans who volunteered to fight in the 1939-1945 war. He saw action in North Africa and was taken prisoner by German troops at Tobruk.

Now 70, he lives in tiny, leaking hut made of mud and zinc and scratches for a living mending metal pots and dishes. "We sacrificed our lives for the freedom of South Africa, but today we have been reduced to begging for a military pension after being dumped in black homeland," Choeu said in an interview.

His home is in the semi-desert village of Madibogo in Bophuthatswana, a nominally independent black homeland scattered in seven separate pieces across South Africa and not recognised as a country outside South Africa.

Decorated
Choeu was decorated with the 1939-1945 war medal, the Africa Star, the British Defence Medal and the Africa Service Medal.

But the former soldier said his only reward when he was discharged in 1946 was £66.

Choeu's battle for a pension began at the age of 55, when both the South African and Bophuthatswana governments refused him any financial assistance.

South Africa told him he was no longer a citizen of the country and should claim his pension from the government of Bophuthatswana, one of 10 self-governing territories created by Pretoria in line with its race segregation policies.

Bophuthatswana refused to pay Choeu or other war veterans living in the homeland because they did not fight on behalf of the territory itself.

After representations by a Johannesburg university law clinic, Pretoria agreed last month to pay Choeu and 21 other veterans 40 rand (\$18) per month.

By Ruth Youngblood

SINGAPORE, (UPI) Every day Singapore's television viewers hear about the grim plight of the unwed and childless, an unrelenting liturgy of loneliness.

Government match-making
agencies beckon singles to dances, cruises and romantic holidays. A deluge of economic incentives awaits those who marry and reproduce.

For a year now, Singapore's government has warned that without a baby boom Singaporeans are heading toward extinction. A media blitz has extolled the joys of wedlock. But the ominous trend has not been reversed, leaving population planners scrambling for new ways to promote wedlock.

"We know that couples are putting off marriage," said Health Minister Yeo Cheow Tong. "Is it their own choice, or are there other factors we are not aware of?"

Feminists say the mere question smacks of naivete. Singles contend they are in no rush to take on the responsibilities of a family. Married couples regard the officially encouraged three children or more as an overwhelming load.

"What's happening in Singapore is no different than in the United States," said Connie Singam, president of the Association of Women for Research.

Complicated
"Many prefer to remain single until they've established careers, and the question of children is far more complicated" than financial considerations.

One message women find particularly infuriating suggests that financially independent women are intimidating to men. "Is your self-sufficiency giving men a hard time?" says the text with a picture of an attractive female working late at the office. "After all, you don't want to give men the wrong idea."

Bush leading in all key states

Dukakis in last minute effort to stem the rot

IN a desperate last minute effort to reverse the electoral Bush tide, Gov. Michael Dukakis has started a whirlwind media blitz. He is accepting virtually every television interview offered to him to convince the American voters that the accusations Bush hurled at him of being weak on defence, soft on crime, unpatriotic for opposing school prayers, are untrue.

It is a Herculean and, as his own pollster, Peter Hart told me, an almost hopeless task. In his final survey, conducted last week, Bush is leading in all key states, California, Texas, Florida, Illinois and New York. Only in New York the lead is very narrow — four points.

In July, Hart said, Dukakis was ahead on two of the key issues, decisiveness and getting things done but by August he had lost that important lead and has not managed to recover it.

Adviser
Furthermore, when people were asked which candidate they would choose as their financial adviser and as their guide in the woods, Bush was the choice of a large majority. Dukakis was the preferred choice as neighbour, boss and as coach of their child's sports team.

It shows that people prefer Bush as a leader, Dukakis as a human being. Dukakis clearly is not reassuring enough an agent of change. Bush because he offers more of President Reagan's policies has the edge among the independent voters.

What is disturbing for the future, though, is that two-thirds of the electorate are dissatisfied with the failure of both candidates to present the American people with a programme and a longer term perspective on their presidency.

It means that whoever wins will lack a real political mandate to govern. Negative campaigns, as practiced by the two candidates, may help to win an election but provide no foundation for governing. Bush, at least, could claim that he offered continuity for the policies of the Reagan administration and more. If anything, it is this promise — more peace and prosperity — that gave the Bush's campaign its life. When people

feel secure about peace and economically comfortable and confident, it is a state of mind which is hard to battle against.

And talking about peace and the key to it, East-West relations, one of the most interesting and reassuring behind-the-scenes developments in the last few months, I am told on high State Department authority, have been discussions about regional problems between the two superpowers.

These discussions, which continue on the official as well as the academic level, have opened up new opportunities for what could be called constructive understandings to guard against the US and the Soviet Union being dragged into regional conflicts.

Originally, it was the United States which advanced the idea of US-Soviet consultations about regional problems. At first the Soviets hesitated, then they responded cautiously and set a polemical tone in the conversations.

Gradually, however, the discussions became more analytical, more informative and more professional. But they did not lead to any operational decisions. Gradually, also, the Soviets began to take the initiative suggesting more wide-ranging, more substantive discussions. It was the Geneva meetings that were the first to become operational and ultimately led to an agreement for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Trouble
The trouble with that withdrawal agreement is that the Soviets failed to instal a regime in Kabul that enjoys wide enough support in the country. The Americans and Pakistanis suggested the establishment of an interim regime, but the Soviets rejected the idea and decided to proceed with their troops withdrawal and to rely on President Najibullah's weak regime.

Apart from the weakness and the unstable fighting capacity of the Afghan Army, the fact that there is no central leader in command of the mujahedeen, the insurgent forces, further complicates the problem of negotiating some sort of end to the war.

Deployment of UNIFIL has paid off

By George D. Moffett III

TYRE, Lebanon: The blue-and-white UN van turns east off south Lebanon's coastal road toward Checkpoint 1-1. The khaki-clad military commander stops and points to a dozen new buildings.

"Five years ago people were trying to get out of here," says Lt Col Matt Sarason, commander of one of the nine foreign infantry battalions that make up the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). "It's a measure of the degree of security people feel that they're now moving down south."

For bringing a measure of security to war-torn south Lebanon, UNIFIL is sharing in this year's Nobel Peace Prize, awarded to the UN peacekeeping forces. Seven such multinational contingents are deployed along volatile borders in the Middle East, Cyprus, and the Asian subcontinent.

On the face of it, UNIFIL seems an unlikely candidate to share the prize for peacemaker of the year. Its mandate, spelled out in a 1978 UN resolution, is no closer to being realized today than it was when the 7,000 member force was installed after Israel's invasion of south Lebanon in 1978. Israel remains in control of large tracts of south-

ern Lebanon; hostilities occur in the area almost daily; re-establishing the authority in south Lebanon of the weak and now-divided Beirut central governments seems out of the question.

Patrols
Still, the \$150 million per year invested by the international community in UNIFIL has paid off, says Colonel Sarason, whose 700-man battalion of Fijians patrols the coastal region south of Tyre.

Ten years ago, scarcely 10,000 people lived in the war-ravaged quadrant north of the Israeli security zone and south of the Litani River, which constitutes UNIFIL's sphere of operation. The area has been battered by the country's 13 years of civil war, and Israeli invasions in 1978 and 1982.

Today, the area is more stable than much of the rest of Lebanon. The migration triggered by years of conflict has been reversed. Swelled by the return of Lebanese workers from Beirut and the Gulf, the population has quadrupled, spawning a minor construction boom.

Whatever credit UNIFIL can claim for the turnaround owes little to force of arms. The light weapons used by UNIFIL soldiers can be used only in self-defence. Like other UN peacekeeping forces, UNIFIL has had to rely more on wits and moral authority than on brawn.

Instead, success has been the product of a discreet pattern of co-operation that has evolved between UNIFIL and Amal, the 17,000-man Shiite Muslim militia that has become the de facto government in south Lebanon.

Attack
Fearing Israeli reprisals, Amal has been a force for stability in southern Lebanon, thwarting attempts by local Palestinians and the pro-Iranian radical Hezbollah from using south Lebanon as a corridor to attack Israel. Amal's efforts have been aided by UNIFIL's network of observation posts, checkpoints, and roving patrols, erected to stop the movement of armed people across the UN zone. Violators, UNIFIL sources say, are routinely turned over to Amal.

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The development underscored the end of a mood of accommodation struck by both sides after Walea ended a rash of strikes in September — in exchange for a government pledge of discussions on Solidarity's future.

The move closely followed a government demand that Walea purge two longtime Solidarity advisers from his delegation to the promised talks or round-table. Walea has refused.

Since Rakowski was elevated to prime minister from the post of Communist Party propaganda chief last Sept 27, the government has taken on a more energetic and decisive tone.

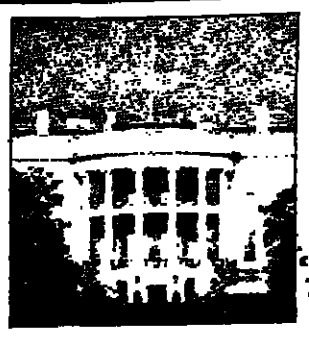
Economy
Rakowski has said attempts to revitalize the inefficient and debt-ridden economy cannot wait for talks with the opposition. The opposition, which has long distrusted Rakowski, questions whether he is interested in talks at all.

Rakowski was a firm supporter of the Dec 13, 1981, martial-law crackdown on Solidarity, which was born in an August 1980 strike at the Gdansk yard.

The official media has given heavy coverage to the decision to close the shipyard while making no mention of its symbolic importance as the birthplace of Solidarity, the East bloc's first

Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



Some Soviet officials have been complaining that the United States by continuing to supply the guerrillas with weapons is undermining the Kabul regime and prolonging the war, but in effect the Geneva agreement does not preclude them from doing so.

Actually, the weapons and the ammunition and other supplies left behind by the withdrawing Soviet troops are said to be far more useful to the mujahedeen than what is still reaching them from American and other sources. It has been said that the American short-range Stinger missiles and their success in bringing down Soviet aircraft, have turned the tide of the war.

Now the Soviets, in what seems to be a countermove have been parading Soviet built longer-range Scud missiles in the streets of Kabul as an answer and as a warning that President Najibullah's Army will get the weapons it needs to fight on.

There are no indications that the Soviets are having second thoughts about halting the withdrawal of their own troops.

The regional discussions that dealt with the Gulf war also became operational when the Soviets began pressing the Iranians to accept the UN peace resolutions. However, self-serving, for the Soviet military were anxious to see the removal of the US Navy whose intervention, by

the way, had the strong support of Vice-President Bush, they viewed as dangerous to the Soviet Union.

Indicative of the extent to which communications between US and Soviet officials have improved was also the attempt by the United States to keep the Soviets informed of various moves in the Arab-Israeli peace process.

It was done in the hope that the Soviets would help in moderating the opposition of the Syrians and keeping the Palestine Liberation Organisation from taking any precipitate action. If it proved in vain, it may well have been due to the fact that Soviet influence with either is quite limited. Nevertheless, American officials believe that if a serious conflict broke out between the Israelis and the Palestinians, the two superpowers would use the communications now established to prevent a larger conflagration which could suck both into it.

If it was the Americans who initially suggested regional discussions, it is now the Russians who tend to encourage, at least verbally, these talks in the hope, as one of them put it recently on a visit to Washington: "to do as much jointly as we can in order to deflate big power rivalries and to prevent anything from happening that could be beyond everybody's control."

Differences
One of the major differences between the United States and the Soviet Union is that the latter believes that the founding of a Palestinian state has become inevitable, the United States is still clinging to a solution that would lead to a federal state with Jordan.

American officials are also giving Gorbachev credit for having played "a constructive role" in the talks between Angola, South Africa and Cuba. They even believe that he has been urging Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos to seek a political settlement with his political opponent Jonas Savimbi. It all seems to add up to a desire on the Soviet leader's part to shed costly foreign commitments to rag-tag regimes that do not add anything to the Soviet national interest or

the power position in the world. In Kampuchea too the Soviets are anxious to reduce or end their costly commitment which remained a stumbling block in their efforts to improve their relationships with China. The improved prospects for a Soviet-Chinese summit meeting next year are the best proof that here again the Soviets want settlements of regional issues that are irritant rather than an asset.

Permitting
And talking about South-East Asia, it is noteworthy that Moscow is not only permitting but encouraging some of the Soviet cities in the Far East to organise their own direct trading relationships with countries such as Japan and South Korea. No doubt, it is partly to overcome the problems of improving the standards of living in parts of the Soviet Union that are so far at the end of a railway, but also in order to take advantage of the extraordinary productivity and the trading needs of these new industrial nations.

Gorbachev is seeking to engage every possible source of supply and credit in his do-or-die efforts to make perestroika succeed. The Japanese have been more reluctant than others to help because the Soviets have been unwilling to return some of Japan's strategic islands they occupy, but even they are now willing to provide credits.

However, the dynamics in the world today are such that trade does not anymore follow the flag but precedes it. And if substantial improvements occur in the number of Jews allowed to emigrate, American officials say, the next administration may well take a new look at the possibility of asking Congress to withdraw the so-called Jackson-Vanik amendment which prevents the US from extending the most favoured nation treatment to the Soviet Union and allows exports to enter the United States on preferential terms, though for the time being the Soviets have little to offer in the way of desirable exports to the American market. All these developments are an indication that even under a cautious Bush administration Soviet-American relations would continue to improve.

Shipyard closure seen as slap at Solidarity

Independent trade union.

The official news agency PAP said the shipyard, Poland's biggest, had been losing money and posed an increasing drain on the public treasury.

The shipyard, the scene of strikes in May and August, employs about 10,000 workers and constructs ships primarily for the Soviet Union. But the yard has been in decline since the late 1970s, when it produced a high of 27 ships one year and employed more than 15,000 workers.

Changes
Walesa said he agreed the "economy needs restructuring and basic changes. Solidarity is and has been for those changes."

But he vowed to fight the closing and said the yard could be saved by dismissing incompetent, politically appointed managers and allowing workers to run it more efficiently themselves.

Bronislaw Geremek, a close adviser to Walesa, said Rakowski — by moving to close down the yard — had "either buried the chances for the round table or considered the round table already buried."

"If such decisions are taken without first achieving a social contract, then what one wants to prove is that there is no need for such a way, no need for dialogue," said Geremek.

A Western diplomat in Warsaw, speaking on condition of anonymity, called Rakowski's move a political "masterstroke" against Solidarity.

If Solidarity workers strike in response to Rakowski's plan, it will lend credence to his argument that the union is unreasonable and posing an obstacle to economic restructuring. And should shipyard workers walk off the job before Dec 1, they would only hasten the timetable for closure.

But if Solidarity does not mount a protest to defend its home base, Walesa and the Solidarity leadership run the risk of seeming toothless to militant followers at home and would-be supporters abroad.

The closing of the Gdansk yard, named for the founder of the modern communist state, was expected to send shock waves through the national workforce.

Sympathy
But the decision was announced amid a four-day holiday weekend and made difficult an immediate assessment of public sympathy for the Gdansk workers.

Even before the yard was to reopen Wednesday, the government sought to take the sting out of the closure. It announced that 30,000 jobs were available to choose from for the 10,000 workers to be laid off.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1632 — Sweden's King Gustavus II is killed in action at Battle of Lutzen.
- 1846 — Austria annexes Cracow Republic, violating Treaty of Vienna.
- 1936 — Siege of Madrid begins, and Spanish government moves to Valencia in civil war.
- 1937 — Italy joins German-Japanese Anti-Comintern Pact.
- 1942 — Tidal wave kills 10,000 people in Bengal, India.
- 1962 — UN General Assembly calls for economic sanctions against South Africa because of its racial policies.
- 1968 — Vietnam peace talks begin in Paris.
- 1970 — Italy formally recognizes China.
- 1971 — World synod of Roman Catholic bishops ends stormy meeting at Vatican, deeply divided on question of whether married men may become priests.
- 1974 — Soviet Union calls for Palestinian statehood as part of any Middle East settlement.
- 1976 — Guerrilla warfare in Rhodesia is endorsed by leaders of neighbouring black countries at meeting in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.
- 1977 — Dam collapse drowns at least 38 people as wall of water submerges trailer camp outside town of Toccoa in US state of Georgia.
- 1986 — Helicopter ferrying oil workers from offshore rigs crashes in North Sea off Scotland, and 45 people are feared dead.
- 1987 — UN Secretary-General announces significantly broader access by governments and individuals to Nazi war crime archives.

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Doctors were sceptical but tests proved the astonishing truth

World's youngest mother-to-be: age 9

Marta Artunduaga, who will be nine years old this month is to deliver a baby around Christmas, by Caesarean section. She will be the world's youngest mother. A natural birth has been ruled out because her body is too small to cope.

By Mike Swan

A SOUTH AMERICAN peasant girl is about to become the world's youngest mother. Stunned doctors at first refused to believe eight-year-old Marta Artunduaga's claims that she was pregnant, but tests have proved the astonishing truth.

Marta will have the baby by Caesarean section in Christmas week. A natural birth has been ruled out because her body is too small to cope.

Her parents were furious when they discovered their daughter had been made pregnant by an 18-year-old uncle. Marta's father Ambrosio, a farmer, threatened to throw her out and kill the father.

But now they have rallied round their daughter and have promised to help her bring up the child. Marta, her mother Olga, and her three brothers

and two sisters, have moved out of the family's banana plantation in the Colombian hills.

She is now living with gynaecologist Dr Silvio Gomez, in the nearby town of Pitalito.

Dr Gomez, who runs the 100-bed Hospital of the Divine Child, said: "Marta is very healthy, there are no problems. She is a very shy girl."

"Sometimes she is like a

child, and sometimes she is like

a teenager, but as far as her

pregnancy goes she under-

stands completely what is hap-

pening to her."

Dr Gomez added: "I was

amazed when a pregnant girl of

that age was brought to me."

"But I have no doubts. She

has the body of a young child."

"Marta will undergo another

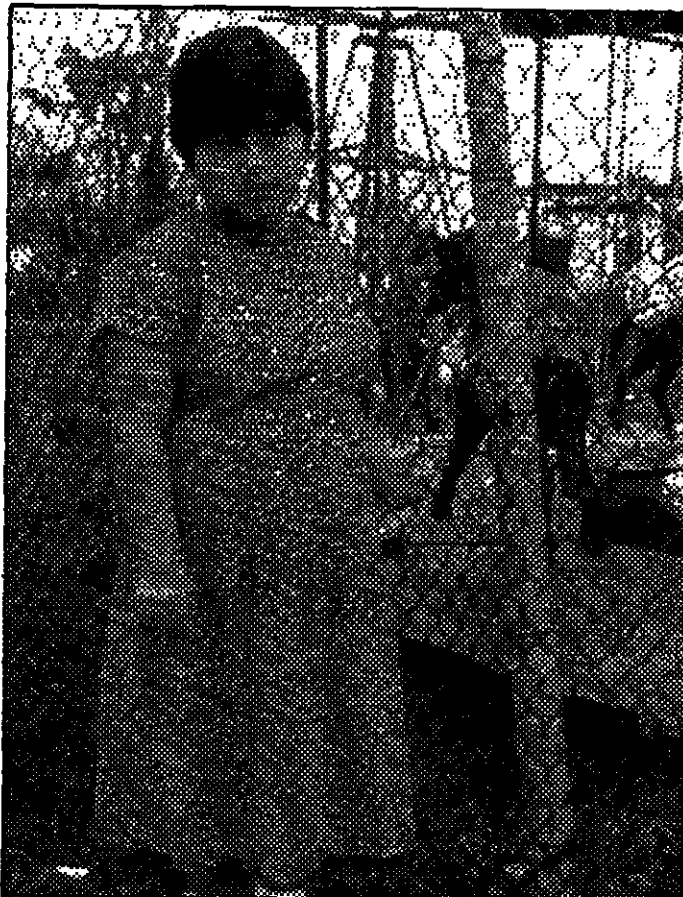
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able to tell the sex of her baby

then."



Expecting peasant girl Marta Artunduaga

"The birth will have to be by Caesarean operation because her hips are too small to bear a child."

"It will be done in the 37th week of pregnancy, if not before, because it would be too dangerous to leave it any longer."

"This is a new hospital and has good facilities, although obviously nothing like you have in England."

"At the moment she is not in any undue pain, even though she has such a small body. But she needs to put on some weight."

"Marta is quite well developed, and has the body of a teenager."

"She may be able to breast-feed her baby."

"She has a good supportive

family and wants to look after

the child after it is born."

Doctors at first found it hard to believe Marta was pregnant, even though Olga told them her daughter had stopped menstruating, which she had been doing since she was three.

Once the truth dawned it was decided she could not carry on living in the peasant conditions of her remote village, and arrangements were made for her to be moved.

Dr Gomez has also rented a three-roomed house in the town for Marta's mother Olga and children to live in.

Their previous home in the hillside village of Acevedo was a one-roomed hut with a mud floor.

Their tiny farm, which Ambrosio has stayed behind to run, yields an income of just £50 a month.

Marta, who will be nine on November 12, has become the

centre of controversy in Colombia after a magazine treated the story as a scandal.

The story angered the people of Pitalito, who had treated Marta as nothing more than a strange phenomenon.

They have made an official complaint to the authorities in the capital, Bogota, and now newspapers in Colombia have been banned from reporting the story.

But Dr Gomez said that the outcome had been good for Marta and the town was rallying around to support her.

Ambrosio said of his daughter's pregnancy: "I was very angry at first but now I must help my little girl."

Responsibility "It is my responsibility to support my family and see them through this difficulty time. What has happened is God's will."

His wife Olga added: "We were a Catholic family. We did not even consider making Marta have an abortion."

"We decided we must face up to it and that was when we took Marta to see Dr Castro. Now we are very proud of her."

Photographer Carlos Angel, who got to know Marta's family, said: "They still do not like to talk about who the father is, but they have now accepted the situation."

"Ambrosio is working the plantation while the family lives in Pitalito to be near Marta."

"But they are very poor and Marta needs all the help she can get."

"The family live in a 12-hut village about a two hours walk from Pitalito in the hills, about 1,300 metres above sea level."

"It is quite a poor banana and coffee growing region."

"Their house is just one room with a mud floor. It is outside the village and Marta had to eat and sleep there."

"The oldest brother is only 10, so they are too young to help her child up there. She is quiet and does not speak very much."

"She looks as if she is 16 or 17, but when she talks you realise she is just a little child."

A psychotherapist's view

How to deal with loveshock

By William Fox

MINNEAPOLIS, (UPI): Dr Stephen Gullo figures he could have changed the course of history had he been able to treat Queen Victoria for "loveshock" after the death of Prince Albert.

He feels the rigidity of the Victorian Age stemmed directly from the failure of the "Widow of Windsor" to cope with the loss of her husband.

Gullo, who practices psychotherapy in New York and teaches at Columbia University, has defined the loss of a loved one — through death or a parting of the ways — as loveshock.

And that is the name of a book he has written with a former patient, Connie Church, a Los Angeles writer who is a divorcee and the mother of two.

They see Great Britain's Victoria as an extreme example of someone who never faced up to the problem of dealing with a broken heart. "So great was her loss that she put the entire British Empire into loveshock," Gullo writes.

"The sombre clothing, the austerity, the rigidity — the Victorian Age was in truth an age of mourning, a reflection of Queen Victoria's grief, her own loveshock."

The therapist would have led the Queen through six steps, teaching her "how to recover from heart break and love again."

Whether Victoria could have loved again, she probably would have benefited from understanding the process — from shock, grief and setting blame to resignation, rebuilding and resolution.

In shock, Gullo writes, there is "an immediate sense of numbness, disorientation, and disbelief." During grief there is not just mourning for the loss of the person but mourning for the unfulfilled promise of a life together.

People next start blaming themselves, the other person or others in general or they may look to their general life circumstances as well to place blame, Gullo says anger is usually the strongest emotion at this time.



Queen Victoria: never faced up to the problem of dealing with a broken heart

Resignation is called the "goodbye stage" and some consider it the hardest to get through. In rebuilding, the person realises the worst is over and it is time to start dating and "focusing on your own needs for the first time in your life."

Resolution During the resolution stage people start "a new life cycle," aware they have "made peace with their emotional pain."

"While I had no cure to offer my patients, I could help them make sense of what they were experiencing — make them realise that they could endure what they initially found to be unbearable," Gullo writes.

He first treated women who were trying to adjust to living with terminally-ill husbands but he later became a sought-after counsellor for star-crossed lovers.

Recently, Gullo and Church have been on the talk-show circuit, promoting their book.

In an interview in Minneapolis, they agreed their effort amounts to "an anatomy of heart break."

Much of the book deals with the loss of a lover or a spouse through divorce.

"I thought I was going insane," Church said, recalling the period after her husband asked for a divorce.

She said friends put her in touch with Gullo.

"Through him I found the skills, the tools, to get through

the process," she said. "Our purpose is to minimise the pain. We hope to get people to avoid taking a destructive route — not to rely on alcohol or drugs or to binge on food or not eat at all."

"The big thing is to assure distraught lovers caught in this process that they are not going crazy — that what they are experiencing is as common as the common cold," Gullo said. "It is usually a big relief once they realise how natural their feelings are."

"We are not dealing with psychotherapy. We are trying to teach survival skills."

Problems

The authors agree that the problems of loveshock are probably more pronounced in modern times because the Victorian Age didn't last.

"Young people no longer have the inhibitions of their parents and grandparents or long-term commitments," Gullo said. "Living together before marriage is common and there is a much different view of casual sexual relationships."

But the basic problem doesn't change.

On a call-in radio show in the twin cities, Gullo had a call from a man living in rural Minnesota who lost his wife 15 years ago.

"He was still trying to do something to impress his former mate even though she was remarried and living far away," he said. "We tried to impress on him how important it was to get on with his life but this man may need the help of a mental health counsellor."

In the book, the authors say such counselling may be necessary in some cases, noting that they are only offering recommended guidelines.

Gullo said people vary on how much time it takes them to get through each step, calling this "travelling time."

"Whether you travel too slow or too fast, your goal should be to confront your emotional pain realistically and to allow your psyche to move you through each stage at a rate that is appropriate for you," he said.

Keep fit women risk addiction, illness

By Jenny Rees

THE current vogue for keeping fit can produce obsessive women who "constantly talk about their running time at parties, fantasise about their next aerobic class at work, and reorganise their working hours in order to have more time in the gym," says Dr Charles Sterling, an American health expert.

Dr Sterling, chief executive officer of The Institute for Aerobics Research in Texas, says the fitness "addict" will persist in running or pumping iron even if she is sick, exhausted or has injured herself.

His comments appear in an article in the New Woman magazine, which warns of the dangers of taking the keep-fit habit too far.

According to the article, between 50 and 75 per cent of women who take exercise seriously run the risk of becoming "addicts", leading to physical problems as well as an "unhealthy, obsessional attitude" to fitness.

Among the many injuries caused by over-training, says the article, are stress fractures and sciatica, but, it adds, too much exercising can also suppress the immune system and increase the risk of contracting

influenza, colds and minor infections.

A combination of strenuous exercising and dieting can cause low blood pressure, iron deficiency and dehydration, which can result in weakness, dizziness and lethargy, it says.

The magazine quotes Dr Lynn Barrett-Moran, a clinical psychologist, who suggests that for many intelligent women keeping fit can turn into an obsession when it is used as an escape from other problems.

She says: "The fitness addict thinks: 'I may not be in charge of anything else in my life, but I can control my body'."

"As the addict exercises more and more, she does not leave herself enough time or energy to find solutions to what is really bothering her, to have relationships."

In the article, Mr Stuart Bidle, lecturer in the psychology of physical education at Exeter University, recommends that three or four regular 20-minute sessions of exercise a week are sufficient for good health.

He says: "When it comes to exercise, more is not always better. There are two sides to the fitness equation and it is important to maintain a healthy balance between exercise and rest."



A combination of strenuous exercising and dieting can cause low blood pressure, iron deficiency and dehydration.

Antibiotic cure for PMS?

By Malcolm Smith

CAROL is a lively, clever woman with a demanding job as senior nurse in a busy hospital. She is sociable and fun to be with. But once a month she is a misery to herself and others.

Carol is one of an estimated 90 per cent of women who experience pre-menstrual syndrome (PMS), more commonly known as pre-menstrual tension. Now an American researcher has put forward a theory that the syndrome is due to bacteria in the womb, and can be treated with antibiotics.

Women like Carol are in the unfortunate five per cent of extreme PMS sufferers. When her period is a few days away she becomes short-tempered, aggressive, overtired, suffers from severe headaches and loses interest in sex.

Depression, anxiety, food cravings, breast tenderness and abdominal bloating are also common complaints.

Dr Attila Toth and his colleagues at the MacLeod Laboratory for Infertility, part of New York Hospital's Cornell Medical Centre, have found that PMS sufferers treated with doxycycline, an antibiotic, experienced a substantial and long term improvement in their symptoms. In Britain doxycycline is marketed as vibramycin.

The Toth team's extraordinary suggestion is that PMS is associated with bacterial infection in many cases. They theorise that the infection, which doesn't itself produce any clear symptoms, is in the ovaries or the womb lining.

When a number of women having broad spectrum antibiotic treatment for other reasons reported a lessening of their PMS symptoms, Toth and his colleagues decided to do a carefully controlled study of 30 sufferers.

For the first month of the trial, the 30 women, all of whom were aged 25-35, and had moderately severe PMS, were asked to record the severity of six physical and seven behavioural symptoms of the syndrome, on a numbered scale. No treatment was administered.

In the second month, half of the sufferers were given 100 milligrams of doxycycline twice daily for the whole of their menstrual cycle. The other half were given an identical-looking placebo. Nobody knew which treatment she received. In the

third month, the original placebo group were given the doxycycline.

The findings were impressive. While the placebo group in the second month recorded a slight easing of their symptoms, the antibiotic treated group recorded an overall five fold improvement, indicating considerable relief from many — or most — of their PMS symptoms.

The sufferers who showed just slight improvement with the placebo in the second month improved substantially in the third month of the trial, when they were in turn given antibiotic.

Swabs taken from the lining of the womb revealed that a high percentage of the sufferers had bacteria often associated with genital tract infections such as mycoplasmas, anaerobic bacteria and chlamydia trachomatis, possibly introduced during intercourse. After antibiotic treatment the frequency of these bacterial isolates declined.

"At least a third of PMS sufferers we have studied have such infections," says Toth, but he is quick to point out that the link between such infections and PMS is far from proven.

Psychological effects of receiving treatment or some unknown chemical mechanism by the antibiotic could perhaps play a part. The proportion of sufferers with infections could also be unusual.

On top of that is the point that constant treatment with antibiotics would, in the words of one sufferer, be rather like using a sledgehammer to crack a nut.

Dr Michael Brush, senior lecturer in reproductive biochemistry in the department of gynaecology at London's St Thomas Hospital, has been treating PMS sufferers for 14 years.

He is surprised by Toth's findings and cautions that any new potential advance in treatment should be thoroughly tested and tried.

The existing treatments fall into three types, hormonal, nutritional and drug treatments. Of the hormonal therapies, progesterone — a female hormone controlling ovulation and the development and shedding of the womb lining during a period — is the best known.

Often deficient in PMS sufferers, it can give 60 per cent of sufferers some relief and cure

perhaps a third. Taken for long spells, it has the added advantage of regulating the menstrual cycle.

Oil of evening primrose is one natural treatment which is supposed to be beneficial. It is a rich source of linoleic acid, a building block of prostaglandins, hormone-like substances in the body which regulate many functions. Vitamin B₆, combined with mineral supplements and a good balanced diet, may also help because of its role in prolactin control, a hormone that increases before menstruation.

Drugs that suppress the ovarian cycle to stop the hormonal "signalling" of PMS, or that reduce prolactin levels are



Hormonal activity can make women intensely miserable.

sometimes used too.

Toth's group is now trying other antibiotics such as gentamycin. These, he says, have displayed even greater success than that achieved with doxycycline.

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Just who is the real Prince Charles?

Is his marriage really on the rocks? Has he managed to carve out a meaningful role for himself? As he approaches his 40th birthday this month, a new book aims to delve beneath the sensational newspaper reports to reveal 'The Real Prince Charles'.

By George Holland

AT a charity dinner at the White House, a wealthy American politician gazed in fascination at the guests of honour, the Prince and Princess of Wales.

He was dazzled by the glamour of Princess Diana and struck by the way the Prince fiddled with his cufflinks and darted nervous glances around the room, as if unsure whether he should even be there at all.

The politician turned to a companion and remarked: "His mother's got the throne and his wife's got the media."

"What's left for that poor guy?"

And "what's left" is obviously something the Prince has given much thought to. After all, he has been groomed and trained since birth for a job that he almost certainly won't take up until he is in his sixties.

He can't fill his time just playing polo and going salmon fishing until the big day of his own coronation arrives.

But as his outspoken remarks on Britain's decaying inner city areas, on the environment, homelessness and poverty, and his savage criticism of modern British architecture quite clearly demonstrate, he never intends to be a Prince who has "Gone Fishin'" for too long.

But is Prince Charles a fit and proper person to be a future King?

In a new book* journalist and author Alan Hamilton reveals something that many obviously cannot see: Charles is a thorough traditionalist.

Charles Philip Arthur George, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Chester, Earl of Carrick, Baron Renfrew, Lord of the Isles and Prince and Great Steward of Scotland, is

unique within the present royal family and the royalty of previous centuries too.

He is the first heir to have attended school — others had private tutors at the palace — and the first to have gained a university degree.

He is the first modern Heir Apparent to have married outside royalty.

He has also met more of his future subjects than any previous heir, and what is more has enjoyed a much greater degree of familiarity with them. Not for him the attitude that the serfs ought to be lucky if they get just half a minute of his personal undivided attention.

When he is introduced he greets with a firm handshake and his gaze is direct, his whole attention engaged — even though in strange surroundings he may "exude the benignly quizzical, faintly puzzled air of a bishop in a betting shop."

And while he may wish to get as close as he can to his future subjects, because of the rarefied air of his upbringing and his present status it is clear that he is different from them.

He is "like a visitor from a far country, friendly and inquisitive, who has taken the trouble to learn the language and customs, who would never think of emigrating, but who remains wide-eyed with curiosity, and sometimes astonishment, at what he sees."

Concern
And while some previous Princes of Wales have caused concern by their profligate lifestyles, Prince Charles is something of an intellectual, a lover of books, opera and good architecture.

The author says: "His preferred place of work is his study at Kensington Palace, seated amidst an unholy clutter of paper and in front of a packed Georgian bookcase



Prince Charles in Red Indian gear. 'The things I have to do for England,' he says jokingly.

heavy with works of philosophy, with an open fire burning in winter.

"Family photographs jostle for space with treasured personal mementoes, including the flag of the Polish trade union Solidarity, a model of the American space shuttle, and a small silver replica of the minesweeper he briefly commanded, HMS Brionington.

Pursuits
"The room is reminiscent of a professor's study, its donnish air reinforced by the view from its windows into the quiet Palace quadrangle."

And he jealously guards his territory there. Alan continues: "No secretary nor servant would dare move any piece of paper in Prince Charles's study."

"He is fussy, pernickety even, about details. Everything must be right and to his liking, and he will yield easily to moodiness, irritability and even brief flashes of temper if his path is crossed or his desires frustrated."

"He is the Prince of Wales,

and others are not."

And the enigma Charles has not been called Action Man for nothing.

As well as his gentler pursuits of fishing and painting, Charles also enjoys polo and is a skilful skier. He likes to push that skill to dangerous limits, as at Klosters in the Swiss Alps in March 1988.

Alan Hamilton says: "In pursuit of his passion for physical challenge he led his skiing party to a precipitous mountainside away from the well-used runs."

"That the party ignored the day's avalanche warnings was their undoing: a huge wall of snow descended from the mountainside above them, killing Major Hugh Lindsay and seriously injuring Paddy Palmer-Tomkinson."

It was perhaps the most dreadful moment in Charles's life since the death by an IRA bomb squad of his mentor, even father figure, Lord Mountbatten.

And as for Charles's reported rocky marriage, it seems there has been less of a rift and more of an arrangement. What the tabloid Press is eager to dub a failed marriage and now really just a "marriage of convenience" is in fact now a conveniently arranged marriage, says Alan Hamilton.

Gossips say the marriage has hit the seven-year itch — or maybe just a seven-year twitch — and that mythical "mid-life crisis" could be upon him with his fortieth birthday.

Alan Hamilton writes: "Charles was exceptionally distressed when, in the autumn of 1987, some newspapers noted that he had spent upwards of a month at Balmoral without seeing either his wife or his children, who remained in the south."

But they failed to understand "the mores and lifestyle of the English aristocracy, who can pursue quite separate lives, with long periods of separation, and still remain perfectly firmly married."

"To name but one, Prince Philip was hardly a pipe-and-slippers man himself at the same stage of his married life."

Abdication

But the possibility of the Queen's abdication is against all tradition, against the Queen's own nature, and even against her Coronation vows. To make a dramatic comparison: she would be more likely to divorce her husband than breach the sacred promises to head the nation made in the name of God.

When the Prince does eventually become the King, author Alan Hamilton concludes: "King Charles III is likely to disappoint the intellectual left and the aristocratic right."

"He has not given us many grounds for thinking that he will disappoint the rest of us."

* The Real Charles by Alan Hamilton, published by Collins at £10.95.

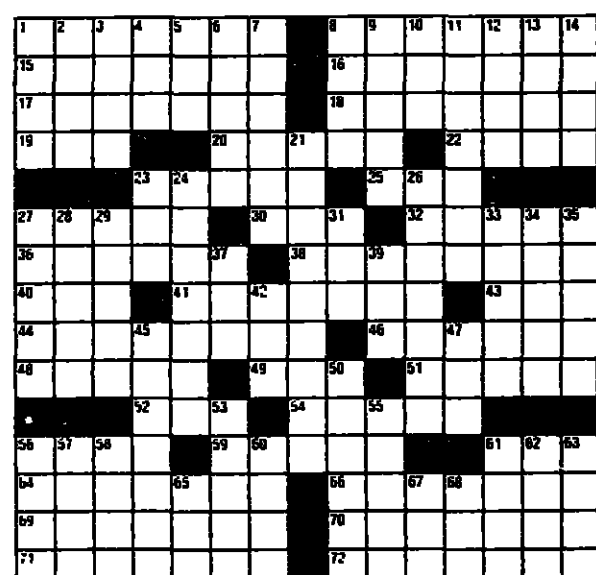


The common touch: Prince Charles wins the overwhelming respect of 'ordinary people' who say he understands their problems



Prince Charles and Princess Diana: what was just a 'marriage of convenience' is now a conveniently arranged marriage, says Alan Hamilton

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WHERE'S THE QUEEN?

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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♦ A Q 7 5
♣ J

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♣ 10 9 8 7 4

EAST
♠ J 6
♥ A 9 7 4
♦ K 6 4
♣ 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 8 3
♥ K
♦ J 10 9 2
♣ A K Q

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

At first glance, it might seem that South's only chance at a heart slam lies in the diamond finesse succeeding. However, there is an additional possibility. Can you spot it?

The interesting point in the auction is North's jump to four spades. By an unpassed hand, that would be preemptive; by a passed hand, it denotes a holding that has been promoted to the equivalent of an opening bid. When North then cue-bid his ace of diamonds in response to his partner's slam try, South decided that slam would offer reasonable prospects.

Declarer won the first trick in hand, and immediately crossed to the king of trumps. Next, he led the jack of hearts. East was caught in a position where, had he stopped to consider, he would be giving away the location of the ace of hearts. So

he played low smoothly, as recommended in all the bridge columns. Unfortunately, this was not the right time, and declarer happily scooped in his singleton king of hearts and the slam was guaranteed regardless of whether the diamond finesse won or lost.

South's bit of larceny cost nothing. Had either defender grabbed the ace of hearts, declarer would still have been able to take the diamond finesse for his contract. But note how carefully he timed his psychological lead of the jack of hearts. He drew only one round of trumps, to try to prevent either defender from making a telling discard in hearts. And he made the play early in the hand, when the defenders would have to make a decision in relative ignorance of the actual lie of the cards.



"Very nice of you to accompany me to the bus stop, Albert!"

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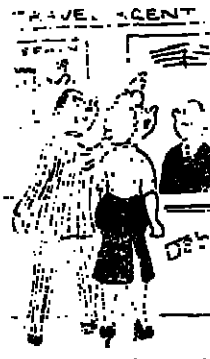
- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You should try not to let things get you down. Not everything is what it seems to be so watch out. Set your children a good example. Be observant.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
You will be able to have an enjoyable and rewarding day. An old friend of yours will give you some good advice. Take really good care when driving. Be moderate.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
Something you are learning will not proceed as smoothly as you would have wished, but you should persevere. You should not rely too much on your intuitions and instincts. Avoid eating so much that you put on weight. Be considerate.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
You will not get your way in all things and should not try to do so by force. You should make sure your partner does not feel unloved. Avoid saying anything you do not mean. Be realistic.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You will be able to do something you have long wanted to do. You should however beware of treading on anyone's toes. Try to avoid thinking about work for the day. Be faithful.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
If you do not expect too much you will not be disappointed by what you get. You will not be altogether lucky. Never mind you will also escape some pitfalls. Be generous.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
You should deal at once with a practical problem. Make sure you do not do anything that your partner would not agree with. Avoid getting into an argument. Be tolerant.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
You should be extra careful, there are thieves about. There is a need to keep your wits about you. Do not allow yourself to be persuaded to act against your better judgement. Be loving.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
There is need to show a little more commonsense. And you would do well not to allow your resentments to cloud your judgement. A cold or small infection should not be neglected. Be civil.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
Things will proceed rather more slowly but a lot more surely. Avoid doing anything you know is not quite right. Do not expect others to do things for you. Be sensible.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You will be more easily offended and should seek to develop a harder skin. Concentrate on essentials and leave details until later. Avoid boasting and do not try to make others feel small. Be virtuous.

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"Look at that! Even the artist's impression's not 'persuaded'!"

SNIPPETS

Cardinal Sin attacks government crooks

MANILA Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin hit graft and corruption in government, calling corrupt officials as "Christians who leave their Christianity at the doorstep of the Church."

Sin in his homily during a Mass launching Quisno church in downtown Manila as a tourist attraction, at the same time appealed to the public to support government officials who are "trying to live Gospel values in the daily conduct of public service."

He said those who are "making life difficult" for these honest officials will be punished by God.

Sin compared the flood lights installed by the Department of Tourism around the historic church to a "warning light...that will remind those who are not truthful in their work, those who are not honest in their dealings about the need for sincerity and integrity."

"It should remind those who have compromised their Christian principles with the love for power, money and prestige to return to the Lord and renew their commitment to our people," Sin said.

Swiss set to release papers on Marcos' deals

BERN, Switzerland: Records of some Swiss financial transactions made by Ferdinand Marcos and his family can be turned over by Swiss authorities to the United States in its case against the Marcoses.

The decision to allow the release of some Swiss records came in response to a US request filed under a judicial assistance treaty between the two countries, Swiss Justice Ministry spokesman Joerg Kistler said.

He said the go-signal applies immediately only to records referring to two unidentified Swiss-based foundations, or fund-administering establishments.

'Boy Asido' strikes again in Manila

THE unidentified acid thrower called by the police as "Boy Asido" struck again yesterday — this time inside a busy jewelry store in downtown Quiapo. His victims were an airport policeman and three unidentified persons including a woman.

Quintin Balantak, 27, a security guard at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NALA), was hit in the left arm and was taken to the Philippine General Hospital for treatment.

Balantak said that the woman, who is about 30 to 35 years old, had burn scars on the right arm.

The other victims were both males. They were splashed with acid only on their clothes, it was gathered.

Quintin said the man was in his early 20s and was about 5'5" in height.

"Boy Asido" struck last week also splashing sulfuric acid on the faces and bodies of ten jeepney passengers, in front of the Manila Metropolitan Theatre in Lwasing Bonifacio.

Criminal charges against Marcos cronies

THREE close associates of deposed President Marcos face criminal charges in connection with the irregular sale of government land in Camarines Norte.

The Presidential Commission on Good Government filed with the Sandiganbayan two separate complaints, accusing Alfredo "Bejo" Romualdez, Marcos' brother-in-law, former Assemblyman Arturo Pacificador of Antique and businessman Jose T. Marcelo Jr. of violating the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act.

No second term, says Aquino

PRESIDENT Aquino has doused reports that she will seek another term of office, saying that she is working only for the transition period.

In a press conference with the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (FOCAP) at the Manila Midtown Hotel in Ermita, Aquino said that she is not considering a second term.

"No, I'm not. I have said from the very beginning that this is my one and only term," the President said.

The President's statement came in the wake of speculations that she will run for re-election in 1992, backed by the new Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino.

A possibility, says Tanada ... no, says Manglapus

Indictment tied to bases pact?

THE indictment of deposed President Marcos for fraud and racketeering may have been one of Washington's secret concessions to Manila in exchange for the speedy signing of the new bases agreement, political leaders said.

"This is a possibility," Sen. Wigberto Tanada, an opponent of US bases in the country, said when asked whether the indictment of Marcos before a US federal court had any connection with the negotiations for a new bases accord.

Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus, however, denied such speculations. "I don't think the indictment had anything to do with the bases agreement," said Manila's chief negotiator in the bases talks upon his arrival.

An opposition leader who spoke on condition of anonymity said there are too many "strange coincidences" regarding US efforts to indict Marcos and the negotiation of the terms for the last two years of the RP-US Military Bases Agreement (MBA).

The opposition leader said that the US Justice Department sought White House's go-signal to indict Marcos on July 18 at the height of the bases negotiations.



In exile: Imelda and her ailing husband

In a diplomatic note, the Philippine government informed the US State Department on Aug 8 that Marcos has lost his immunity from suits and should, therefore, be indicted. The move coincided with the resolution of several points covering the proposed bases agreement, the opposition leader said.

More than a month later, the new bases agreement was signed.

A few days later, US federal prosecutors filed charges against Marcos.

"There was a quid pro quo, only we can not fathom that," said an opposition leader, adding that the speedy signing of the agreement and the charges against Marcos formed part of a hidden agreement between Washington and Manila.

Sen. Heherson Alvarez, a former US exile, and Sen. Rene Saguisag, a Harvard-trained lawyer, however, said the decision to indict Marcos may have been more a victory by the Justice Department over the State Department in the top level debate in Washington.

The US court merely want to confirm with American legal norms," said Alvarez, who is scheduled to leave today for San Francisco to testify on behalf of Steve Psinakis who faces charges of violating the US Neutrality Act.

The top level debates which followed the formal request from the US Department of Justice to indict Marcos centred on whether the filing of charges would be in accordance with US interest.

The State Department has expressed fears that the indictment would jeopardize future US efforts to persuade embattled dictators elsewhere to step down and give way to a smooth transition toward democracy.

For a while, top Philippine leaders thought the US would allow Marcos to go scot-free. "But the bases agreement could have been viewed as a consideration more primordial than Marcos," the opposition leader said.

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Other:

● The Samuels collection, \$5.9-million of art-work, furniture and other items from a Manhattan apartment. AP



National treasure: the Imelda shoe collection — 3,000 pairs, size 8-1/2

Cultural artefacts 'stolen'

THE government is claiming 300 valuable cultural properties, mostly Chinese ceramics of the Sung, Yuan, and Ming dynasties and Philippine santos (religious images), which were shipped out of the country by a German national from 1975 to 1981.

The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said that the German, will be charged with violation of Section 10, Presidential Decree 374, otherwise known as "The Cultural Properties Preservation and Protection Act."

The law provides: "It shall be unlawful to export or cause to be taken out of the Philippines any cultural property without previous registration of the objects with the National Museum and a written permit from the director of the National Museum..."

The National Museum said the German did not get a permit to export or take out from the country precious cultural properties.

He reportedly declared the items as Philippine handicraft or "unsolicited gifts" of no commercial value to avoid government taxes and requirements. It is a scheme to deprive the Filipino people of their rich cultural historical heritage, the NBI report added.

Pura Kalaw Ledesma, chairman of a special task force, cultural properties division of the National Museum, Department of Education, Culture, and Sports (DECS), had earlier sought the help of the NBI in the recovery of these pieces allegedly taken out of the country by the German.

In a letter to Justice Secretary Sofrey Ordenez, Ledesma said that he took out the pieces without previous registration and export permit from the National Museum.

Kalaw said that these objects are on display in a special wing of the Museum for Ostasiatische Kunst, West Germany.

Songfest on Nov 25

THE Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait is staging its third annual singing competition on the 25th of November, '88 at the Federation of Trade Union Hall, Al Maidan Hawally.

The songfest chairman this year is Buddy Patungan and the competition is a project of the Special Projects and Welfare Committee headed by Dick E. Orense, Vice-President and Esther Ocampo, AVP.

Other members of the Songfest '88 committee are: Screening: Albert Arriola, Suzette Vasallo and Edgar Cruz. Programme Committee: Ludy Espedilla and Socorro Palacios.

Design Committee: Danny Pangan, Ariel Espina and Jojo Villalonga.

Reception: Andy Reyes, Arlene Gafaud and Cynthia Lobaton.

Lights and Music: Gil Cusi, Manny Ramos, Nestor Forquimil.

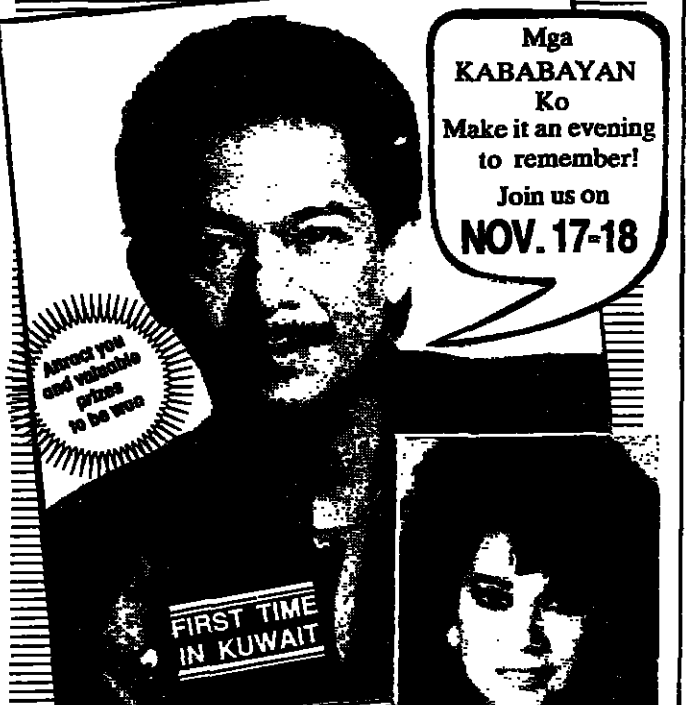
Venue and Physical Arrangements: Rolie Paulate, Demie Nardo and Henry Bunyi.

Encores: Socorro Palacios and Lito Matig-a.

The following finalists are requested to come and submit their song entries, minus one tape, typewritten lyrics of their songs and an identification picture on the 8 November, at the Mabuhay Restaurant at 5:00 pm: Merly Runas, Milano Mendez, Leonardino Lapira, Manuel Joseph Borja, Arnold Austria, Medel Cruz, Antonio Yamuno, Lito Morales, Paulito Randrup, Noel Cerda, Alejandro Gabriel, Ma. Lolita Solon, Jerry Isip, Cynthia Bou Rabee, Amorlito Espulog, Mario Audie Callo, Jessie Munar, Ramon Monteverde, Romeo Alojado and Sonny Quintos.

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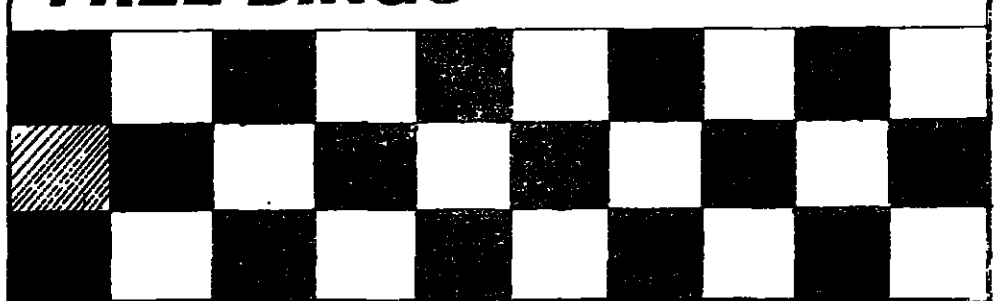
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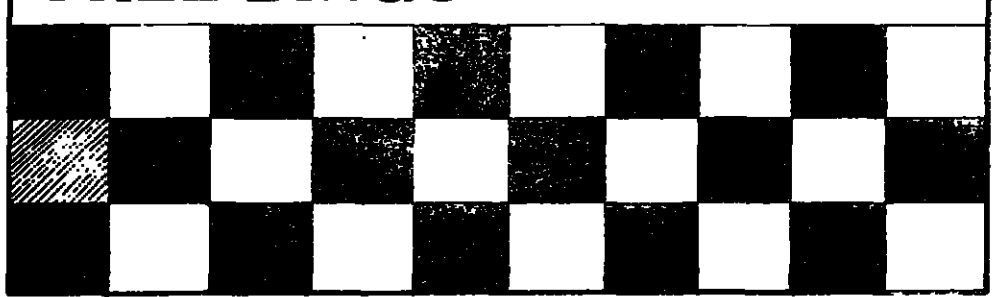
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

GCC delegation for Iraq to seek business opportunities

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Nov. 5. (AP) A group of 30 businessmen from the Gulf Co-operation Council states left for Baghdad today to prospect for business opportunities in Iraq.

The delegation, the first of its kind since the Iraq-Iran ceasefire went into effect last Aug. 20, is slated to discuss with Iraqi officials their potential involvement in post-war reconstruction projects.

According to local reports, the trade mission will request parity with Iraqi firms when competing for contracts.

During their five-day stay, they will study Iraqi laws, customs and foreign exchange regulations, and will evaluate the current investment climate.

The GCC countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates — are Arab League member states together with Iraq, and stood by Baghdad in its 8-year conflict with Iran.

Sheikh Abdul-Rahman A. Alissa, managing director of Alissa Trading and Contracting Co., Ltd., and a trade mission participant, told the English-language newspaper Riyadh Daily, that "we in Saudi Arabia and other GCC states can bring with us our joint-venture partners who had from advanced countries to participate in this job."

The group is being led by Mohammed A. Mullah, secretary-general of the Federation of Arab Gulf Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Tanzania announces currency devaluation

DAR ES SALAAM, Nov. 5. (UPI) Tanzania's Central Bank today announced a devaluation of the local currency, following a recent agreement with the International Monetary Fund and a warning that the country will face "hard times."

The Central Bank announced the Tanzanian shilling dropped from 98 to the US dollar to 120 to the dollar with immediate effect. In a brief statement, the bank said the currency would fall further to 138 shillings to the dollar by June next year.

The devaluation followed the announcement on Friday by President Ali Hassan Mwinyi that Tanzania had finally reached an agreement with the IMF after seven months of often difficult negotiations.

Mwinyi gave no details of the deal but said he had no choice but "to agree to the IMF terms."

Prices
He warned Tanzanians they would have to prepare "for hard times" and diplomats believe the authorities will soon increase the prices of consumer goods which were previously subsidised by the government.

Tanzania already devalued its currency by 40 per cent when it signed a 5-year loan package with the IMF in 1986 after protracted negotiations.

Conditions demanded by the Washington-based institution included trade liberalisation, price controls and incentives to farmers.

Nigeria finds potential markets for gas

LAGOS, Nigeria, Nov. 5. (AP) Nigeria has found potential markets for liquefied gas in Europe and North America and shipment is expected to begin in 1995, Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman announced.

Lukman, the current president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries oil ministers conference, also defended Nigeria's continued membership in the oil organisation.

Lukman said Nigeria was optimistic about finding money to finance the proposed \$2-billion gas liquefying project but did not elaborate.

However, he conceded that as president of OPEC oil ministers conference he had appeared to some Nigerians to be ignoring his country's interests in the volatile oil market.

Interests

"It is true we have fought to maintain the collective gains of OPEC but I have never considered the OPEC above the sovereign interests of Nigeria during my tenure as president of the OPEC conference of ministers," Lukman said.

Some Nigerians have also advocated withdrawal from OPEC to free the country from oil production quota and take advantage of the spot market.

Bond prices plunge

Election puts Wall Street in cold sweat

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (AP) The arrival of November plunged the stock market from a raging fever into a cold sweat.

In the wake of "takeover fever," which swept through Wall Street in October's final days, a chill settled in this past week when the market began to nervously count down the days until Tuesday's presidential election.

Many institutional investors clung to the sidelines, leaving the field to professionals and putting a damper on trading volume.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks barely stirred all week, finishing with a net loss of 4.09 points at 2,145.80.

Although Wall Street expects George Bush — its favoured candidate — to win, there's been enough uncertainty to keep investors on edge. Political poll-watching reception and replaced technical chart-watching for the moment.

The market came to life briefly on Thursday, when the shaky dollar stabilised and the Dow Average brushed against the 2,178 mark before ending the day at 2,170.34.

Then on Friday, new unemployment data showing surprising strength in the economy drove the blue-chip indicator down 24.54 points. The government reported that the nation's jobless rate fell to 5.3 per cent in October, the lowest level in 14 years, as the economy created more than 300,000 jobs.

Through most of the week, anticipation of the jobless data had given the market another thing to worry about and deepened its pre-election anxiety.

"People sort of threw in the towel for this week," said Philip Puccio, a senior vice president of Dillon, Read and Co. financial firm.

Once the hoopla of the election is over, Wall Street probably will pick up where it left off before the takeover frenzy hit — worrying about interest rates.

Policy

Early in the week, many observers had been expecting the Federal Reserve to keep credit policy and interest rates stable in the near future. Recent signs that the economy is slowing and inflationary pressures are easing would make the Fed loathe to push interest rates higher, they

believed.

That view gained credence Monday when Martha R. Seger, a member of the Fed's board of governors, estimated that the US economy has slowed in the third quarter and will grow by 1 to 2 per cent next year.

Seger told the economic club of Detroit that recent economic data have allayed fears of rekindled inflation.

But a recent slide in the dollar raised concern that the central bank could nudge interest rates higher to bolster the US currency. Although the dollar

steadied late in the week, the fear of higher rates was rekindled by Friday's unemployment figures.

"The level of short-term interest rates remains the most important likely determinant of stock prices," says Robert J. Nurock, publisher of the Astute Investor Newsletter out of Paoli, Pennsylvania. "Lower short-term rates would help stimulate business."

Besides the stagnant Dow, other readings for the week showed the New York Stock Exchange Composite index down 1.38 at 155.70, the Nasdaq Composite index for the over-

the-counter market down 1.75 at 381.02, and the American Stock Exchange Market Value index off 2.28 at 297.52.

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World Business Summary

Newton to probe ways to expand trade with Iraq

BAGHDAD, Nov. 5. (Reuters) Britain, moving to soothe relations with Iraq after strains over alleged use of poison gas, sent in a minister to mount a trade and diplomatic mission today. Trade and Industry Minister Tony Newton began by meeting Iraq's Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh. Newton is the first ranking British official to visit Baghdad since a ceasefire in August halted hostilities in the eight-year-long Iraq-Iran war. "The minister will probe ways of expanding trade and boosting the overall standing of bilateral relations," a senior British diplomat told Reuters. Relations soured when Britain supported US charges that the Baghdad government used chemical weapons against Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq in an offensive coinciding with the end of the Gulf war. Iraq denied the charges and denounced the British government. Newton will confer with Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan on Monday and will attend the annual Baghdad trade fair, where some 50 British companies are represented. Diplomatic sources said Newton would also lead the British side in meetings of a joint committee on trade, technical and scientific co-operation. One commercial source said Britain was expected to increase credits for Iraq from \$175 million (\$310 million) in 1988. A British official said British exports to Iraq had risen 40 per cent in the first half of 1988 over the same period last year.

Britain had a large favourable trade balance with Iraq in 1987. Exports totalled \$440 million, while imports amounted to only \$24 million, the official said. British exports included pharmaceuticals, heavy machinery, electrical equipment and foodstuffs. Imports from Iraq were principally oil and dates.

Office set up to crack down on profiteering traders

AMMAN, Nov. 5. (Reuters) Jordan opened a special office today to crack down on profiteering businessmen exploiting the drop in the dinar's value. Interior Minister Raja'i Al Dafani said it would tackle complaints about traders who increased prices for goods in stock before the currency's decline or who hoarded goods to sell them at a higher price later. Offenders face a fine of five to 200 dinars (\$10 to 440) or a jail term of one week to one year, or both. The dinar has lost almost 15 per cent of its value against the dollar since Oct. 15, when the Central Bank let the currency slide to conserve scarce foreign exchange and boost exports. The Central Bank, whose rates other banks must follow, now values the dollar at 450 fils, compared to 378 three weeks ago, while moneychangers quote rates of 515 fils. There are 1,000 fils to the dinar. Newspapers have regularly accused traders and industrialists of abusing what they call the current instability in the market to profit at the expense of the consumer. Some car dealers, computer salesmen and shops selling luxury items say prices have risen by nearly 30 per cent since October. In a bid to stabilise the prices of imported goods, the finance minister has set fixed exchange rates to be used only for calculating tariffs on imports. Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai, who is also the country's military governor, has decided to transfer several cases against alleged cheats to military courts, the official news agency Petra reported. It did not say how many were involved.

EEC again largest supplier of goods to Qatar in 1987

Doha, Nov. 5. (Reuters) For the second year running, the European Economic Community (EEC) remained the largest supplier of goods to Qatar in 1987, although its share decreased due to competition from American countries. According to official figures released here, last year EEC supplied Qatar with 62 per cent of its chemicals and related products, 55.3 per cent of beverages and tobacco and 48.2 per cent of various manufactured goods such as footwear, clothing and furnishings. In addition, said the Central Statistical Organisation, it supplied 41.2 per cent of other manufactured products, 35.6 per cent of mineral fuel lubricants, 29.9 per cent of food and five animals, 11.5 per cent of animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes and 11.3 per cent of crude materials, except fuel. EEC's share of Qatar's global imports in 1987 amounted to 38.2 per cent of all goods, worth \$432.70 million, compared with 42.9 per cent and 471.44 million in 1986. Within the Community, Britain was the main supplier of Qatari goods last year with exports totalling 16 per cent worth \$181.17 million. Asian countries were the second-largest exporter to Qatar in 1987, supplying 28.4 per cent of the country's goods, valued at \$322.26 million. Japan emerged as the single largest supplier of goods to Qatar with exports totalling \$185.30 million, 16.3 per cent of the total.

Hungary to reduce subsidies by two-thirds over four years

BUDAPEST, Hungary Nov. 5. (AP) The government agreed yesterday to reduce subsidies to state-owned companies by more than two-thirds over the next four years and increase unemployment benefits for those who lose their jobs, a spokesman said. At a meeting of the Hungarian Council of Ministers, the government approved the subsidy reduction plan, but only after "sharp debate," the official news agency MTI reported. Zoltan Rajok, editor-in-chief of the government daily newspaper Magyar Hirlap, acting as spokesman, told Hungarian journalists the ministers decided to cut subsidies from the current 130 billion forints (\$2.6 billion) to 40 billion forints (\$800 million) over the next four years. In 1989, subsidies to such industries as mining, agriculture and consumer goods would be cut by 29 billion forints (\$580 million), Rajok said. The spokesman said the effects of the subsidy reductions on consumers would be "countered wherever possible," but gave no details. Beginning Jan. 1, an unemployment fund will be doubled from 1.2 billion to 2.4 billion forints (\$24 million to 48 million) in an attempt to help people who lose their jobs if some companies close when the subsidies are cut, the spokesman said. The measures are part of Hungary's austerity and economic reform programme begun last year in an effort to reduce the country's \$18 billion foreign debt and stimulate its stagnating economy.

France to lift Iranian oil embargo

PARIS, Nov. 5. (Reuters) France will soon completely lift an embargo on Iranian oil imports imposed when both countries broke off diplomatic ties last year, the daily Le Monde said today. The newspaper said despite a government decision in August to ease the embargo by allowing barter deals between the two countries, "France has still not imported a single drop of Iranian oil." It said French government officials were unhappy with the current trade situation and a total lifting of the embargo was expected in the following weeks. The French foreign ministry was not available for comment on the report. The embargo was imposed in July 1978 when the two countries broke off relations after an Iranian embassy official refused to be questioned by a judge over his suspected involvement in a spate of Paris bombings. Relations were restored in June after the last French hostages held by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon were released. Two months later the embargo was relaxed, although cash deals were still banned. French grain trader Louis Dreyfus SA immediately announced a food-for-crude oil deal estimated to be worth about \$75 million and the agro-alimentary group Socopa International said it expected to finalise a \$100-million beef deal. Le Monde said Iran, its economy badly hit by the eight-year Gulf war, had signed contracts worth more than \$500 million with food companies but the deals had fallen through because of high prices asked by the National Iranian Oil Company.

Slowing demand will keep oil prices low

HOUSTON, Nov. 5. (Reuters) World oil prices will remain near current levels through the end of the century because of slowing demand growth, the threat of an economic recession and excess OPEC production, oil analysts said.

Much of what happens to oil prices will reflect the level of production among major suppliers, such as members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, they said.

OPEC, which produces about one-third of the world's oil, is not likely to cut output soon because of sharp, internal political disagreements, according to Ashland Oil Inc. chief economist Cyrus Tahmassebi.

Because of deep divisions within OPEC, particularly between Iran and Iraq, Tahmassebi said "not much will take place in the short- and medium-term" to set production quotas.

Although OPEC hopes to stem overproduction in a move to raise oil prices to \$18 a barrel by this time next year, Tahmassebi said prices are destined to

fluctuate between \$10 and \$15 a barrel until at least the year 2000.

Tahmassebi and other analysts were speaking at an International Association of Energy Economics meeting in Houston this week.

William Brown, an oil analyst with Kidder, Peabody and Co. Inc., said prices could fall one dollar a barrel in the next few months because of weakening gasoline demand. But the downward pressure should begin to ease "late in the second quarter or early in the third quarter of 1989," Brown said.

He predicted that crude oil prices would improve by \$2 to three in the second half of 1989, boosting North Sea Brent, for example, to \$14 to \$15 a barrel. North Sea Brent crude, the world's most widely traded grade, commanded about \$12.95 a barrel yesterday for November shipments.

Brown said gasoline demand in the United States should fall from 7.3 million barrels per day to below 7.0 million in December because of a seasonal decline. At

the same time, refineries are not expected to cut their output because of the current profit margins in the industry, he said.

Tahmassebi said oil demand will not grow as rapidly as in the past few years, particularly in the United States, where "there's a very good chance for a recession in the second half of 1989 ... which could spread to other countries."

The analysts blamed low prices on the world oversupply of crude. To reduce the oversupply OPEC would have to set a production quota of 17 million BPD, he said. "Reducing quotas will be very difficult to achieve," he said.

Optimistic

Separately Mobil Corp. chairman Allen Murray told Reuters in an interview he was optimistic OPEC will reach an accord which could lift oil prices to the group's \$18 figure, he said.

OPEC Secretariat's Akim Iwayemi, also speaking at the conference, said OPEC should not be expected to make produc-

tion cuts alone.

OPEC production averaged 21.7 million BPD in October, up from 20.6 million BPD in September, according to a Reuters survey. The group has a self-imposed production ceiling of 15.06 million BPD excluding Iraq.

Meanwhile, in Vienna, OPEC Secretary-General Dr Subroto emphasised here today that any OPEC agreement by tradition was based on consensus, implying that even if one member chose to stay out, there could be no accord.

He was commenting on press reports quoting him as saying that there would be no agreement on production at the Nov 21 OPEC meeting here, if Iraq stayed out.

"If one of the members chose not to participate in the agreement, then there will be no accord," he said.

Subroto pointed out that he was not "singling out" any particular country, an impression that certain news reports might have created.

Buyout group Forstmann Little may join battle for Nabisco

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (Reuters) Buyout group Forstmann Little Co., joining with some of America's biggest consumer products companies, said yesterday it may enter the bidding for RJR Nabisco Inc. target of the biggest-ever takeover battle.

The food and tobacco group is already facing a \$20.9 billion, \$92 a share bid from a management-led group and a \$20.3 billion, \$90 a share offer from buyout firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts Co.

The Forstmann Group, which includes the consumer products giant Procter & Gamble Co. and the food company Ralston Purina Co., declined to state a price but said any bid would be superior to those already on the table.

Offer

The group said its offer came in response to Nabisco's call on Wednesday for bids higher than the Kohlberg Kravis offer. The management-led group subsequently raised its bid to \$20.9 billion.

At such prices the buyout would be the largest in US corporate history.

"We are prepared to work expeditiously to attempt to develop a proposal which would be accepted by the RJR Nabisco

board and which would be attractive to the shareholders, management, employees, and other constituencies served by RJR Nabisco," Theodore Forstmann, a general partner in Forstmann Little, said in the statement.

The Forstmann Group also includes Castle Cooke Inc., a San Francisco-based food and real estate group, and the investment bank Goldman Sachs Co.

Confidential

Forstmann said the special committee of Nabisco's board welcomed the interest of the group and will supply it with confidential information to help it formulate a bid.

The group indicated that it would make an all-cash offer. "We would not require RJR Nabisco shareholders to finance any of the debt incurred in our offer," Theodore Forstmann said in the statement.

Forstmann Little had been reported to have held talks with the management-led group, but the talks broke off.

The management and Kohlberg Kravis Groups have held talks on a number of occasions but they broke down on Thursday for the second time, informed sources said, because the

investment banks retained by the rival groups could not agree on a keener.

Kohlberg Kravis has lined up Wasserstein, Perella and Co., Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., Merrill Lynch and Co. and Morgan Stanley. On the other hand, Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. and Salomon Inc. are partners with RJR's management.

Wall Street sources said the two sides agreed to an equal role in any joint offer, but Salomon and Shearson would not allow Drexel Burnham to be the manager of a huge junk-bond offering to help finance the transaction.

After the talks broke down, the RJR-Shearson-Salomon group raised its price.

Sources close to the talks would not rule out a compromise that would ultimately lead to a joint bid.

They said that the Forstmann announcement of a possible bid might serve as a catalyst to the negotiations between the current bidders. Sources on both sides have agreed that it would be financially wiser for the groups to join forces since a bidding war would merely raise the price of the company.

US unemployment drop boon for Bush

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5. (Reuters) A falling US unemployment rate gave a boost to Republican George Bush in the last days of the presidential campaign but financial markets saw troubling signs of inflation in the new figures.

The jobless rate slipped from 5.4 per cent in September to the 5.3 per cent in October, matching the 14-year low it reached in June, the Labour Department said yesterday.

At the same time, the department said the number of jobs created last month jumped by 323,000 to 107.1 million. In the past year, the US economy has created 3.7 million jobs.

For Bush, who has embraced Reagan administration economic policies, the news could not have been better as the campaign moved into its final weekend before election day on Tuesday.

Market sluggish as volume, prices and value plunge

THE Alshahi index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 42.48 points with a decrease of 0.21 point — 0.5 per cent — from last week's average. Alshahi index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 48.59 points with a decrease of 0.29 — 0.6 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshahi economic consultants.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 19.32 million shares at a daily average of 3.68 million shares with a decrease of 3.5 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 4.00 million shares.

Gulf traded shares reached 13.43 million shares at a daily average of 2.69 million shares with a decrease of 54 per cent from last week's daily average of 5.82 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD1.145 million at a daily average of KD1.429 million, a decrease of 24 per cent from last week's daily average of KD1.874 million.

The value of Gulf traded shares was KD0.725 million at a daily average of KD0.145 million decrease of 51 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.298 million.

Market performance continued this week to give weak signs, which were reflected on all three indices (volume, prices and value) in both Kuwaiti and Gulf markets. This phenomenon is very unusual, especially at this time of year.

"We believe that interventions will be attempted to keep prices constant, in order that these will not fall to unacceptable levels by the end of the current year," said Alshahi economic consultants. It is also expected that certain companies would not reveal their true financial position.

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 59 per cent of total trading with a considerable decrease from last week's 78 per cent. The Gulf Bank led in the sector at 21 per cent followed by Al Ahli Bank at 18 per cent and The Commercial Bank at 16 per cent.

Second came the investment sector at 26 per cent of total trading of which Kuwait Investment Projects Company had the lead at 55 per cent followed by Investment Pearl Kuwait at 33 per cent and Commercial Facilities at 6 per cent.

The services sector came third at 8 per cent of total trading in which Kuwait Commercial Markets Company led at 69 per cent followed by Mobile Telephone systems at 28 per cent. For the Gulf shares market, the financial sector led at 88 per cent of total trading volume.

Bahrain and Middle East Bank led at 63 per cent of total trading in both markets, followed by Coast Investment and Development Company at 12 per cent and Bahrain International Bank at 7 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 02/11/88	Wednesday 26/10/88	points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	112.62	113.63	-1.01
The Gulf Bank	34.80	35.22	-0.41
The Commercial Bank	27.00	27.44	-0.44
Al Ahli Bank	37.00	36.04	0.96
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	34.64	34.20	0.44
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	30.95	30.95	—
Burgan Bank	30.23	31.22	-0.99
Kuwait Finance House	84.66	84.66	—
Sector Index	49.53	48.83	-0.30

Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	28.28	27.18	1.10
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	24.40	24.40	—
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	82.54	82.54	—
IFA	73.53	73.53	—
Commercial Facilities	120.00	120.00	—
Sector Index	38.63	38.09	0.55
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	39.68	39.68	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	26.92	26.92	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	51.28	51.28	—
Warba Insurance Co.	76.46	77.32	-0.86
Sector Index	40.20	40.25	-0.05
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	28.55	29.57	-1.02
United Realty	10.95	10.95	—
National Real Estate	40.21	40.21	—
Sector Index	20.37	20.67	-0.29
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	17.38	17.38	—
Refrigeration Indust.	91.14	91.14	—
Gulf Cables	113.13	112.10	1.03
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	86.22	91.56	-5.33
Sector Index	36.08	36.21	-0.13
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	187.92	192.24	-4.32
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	78.79	78.79	—
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	34.95	33.96	1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	323.81	328.57	-4.76
Sector Index	61.58	62.03	-0.47
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	46.38	46.38	—
United Fisheries	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait United Poultry	79.21	79.21	—
Kuwait Food Co.	68.97	71.26	-2.30
Sector Index	41.61	42.00	-0.39
Overall Index	42.48	42.69	-0.21

Gulf shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 02/11/88	Wednesday 26/10/88	points
Financial Companies			
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	93.79	95.17	-1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	98.71	98.71	—
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	95.24	97.14	-1.90
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	58.76	58.76	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	51.52	51.52	—
Sector Index	63.89	64.25	-0.36
Other Companies			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—
Fujairah Cement	8.55	8.55	—
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	27.78	28.33	-0.56
Gulf Medical Projects	30.90	30.90	—
Sector Index	16.51	16.66	-0.14
Overall Index	48.59	48.88	-0.29

Base Period 31/12/1983.

AOID agrees to restore Egypt's membership

KUWAIT, Nov 5, (KUNA): The Arab Organisation for Industrial Development has decided to restore Egypt's membership suspended since the signing of the Camp David accords with Israel in 1978.

Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razaq Al Khalid who returned here last night from Bahrain after attending the ninth session of the organisation's board council told reporters that the secretary-general was entrusted to convey the decision to the Egyptian government.

Al Khalid said the organisation also decided to exempt Sudan and Lebanon from paying their shares in the organisation's budget for 1988.

Efforts

He said the council had called on the organisation to intensify efforts toward encouraging exchange of industrial commodities between the Arab countries in collaboration with the concerned parties.

The minister said the council appealed to the concerned quarters in the Arab countries to consider the organisation when considering establishment of country or bilateral projects to avoid harmful competition between them.

Al Khalid said the council had appreciated the efforts exerted by the organisation towards convening a conference to discuss backing Palestinian industry in the occupied Arab territories.

He said the council had endorsed the organisation's budget for fiscal 1989 with a call to the members states to pay their dues.

Al Khalid, who expressed his thanks for Bahrain for hosting the meeting, said the tenth session was due to be held in Tunisia to coincide with the seventh conference for Arab Industrial Development scheduled to be held there next October.

He said the council had re-elected the organisation's director-general Hatim Abdul Rasheed for additional four years and appointed Mohamed Saad as assistant director-general for five years.

China opens crisis meeting to consider grain price rise

BEIJING, Nov 5, (Reuters): China opened a crisis meeting this week to decide how much to pay farmers for grain after four consecutive years of disappointing harvests.

"Grain is not an ordinary economic issue but a matter of economic strategy and a political issue," Vice-Premier Tian Jiyun Tian told the opening session on Wednesday.

Yesterday's People's Daily quoted Tian as saying that if China did not increase grain production, "it will seriously affect the reforms and the stability of the national economy and people's living standards."

The meeting puts the Ministry of Agriculture, which favours a large increase in the price paid to farmers, against the Ministry of Finance, which opposes an increase because it will have to pay, an official source said.

Importance
The list of people attending on the first day — they included the premier, defence minister, China's top economic planner and the head of the Central Bank — indicated the meeting's importance.

World oil prices again edge higher

LONDON, Nov 5, (Reuters): Oil prices firmed another 15 to 20 cents a barrel on world spot markets yesterday though activity remained subdued, traders said.

Most of the gains followed technical buying on the futures markets rather than any change in market fundamentals.

While crude prices were being partly supported by products, especially strong demand for petrol recently in the United States, excessive output by OPEC nations continued to weigh on sentiment, traders said.

However, most appeared unwilling to do much business ahead of a crucial OPEC ministerial meeting due to open in Vienna on Nov 21.

Prices
Crude prices have risen about 15 to 20 cents a barrel over the week, though little trade has been reported.

Towards the close of European business North Sea Brent blend, the most widely

China has said grain output this year will fall from the 1987 level of 404.7 million tonnes. Officials privately estimate the crop at 395 million. It is the fourth year running output has failed to match the 1984 record of 407.31 million.

Arguing the Agricultural Ministry's case, the Farmers Daily yesterday said the key to raising grain output was to increase the price the state pays farmers.

Shortages
In a graphic report from northern Jiangsu, a poor area in east China, it described grain farmers in tears after their crop failed when they used fake fertiliser because they could not buy the real thing because of shortages.

"The state buys from us grain at a low price but we have to buy fertiliser, diesel oil and pesticide at high prices," it quoted one farmer as saying.

"Factories can give up making a product when it is unprofitable, why can't we?" he said.

The farmers said investment in the land was dropping and though much was said about the importance of agriculture little was done.

Under current policy, the state buys from farmers about 60 million tonnes of grain a year for resale at a lower price to China's 300 million city dwellers.

Spending
The subsidy cost about 30 billion yuan (\$8.1 billion) this year, 12 per cent of total state spending.

Beijing could raise both purchase price and sales price by the same amount, which would mean no increase in the subsidy. "But Beijing dare not raise city grain prices because of great discontent over inflation," an official in the Economic Ministry said.

"The only solution is to increase the subsidy, which is opposed by the Finance Ministry. It will probably come out on top, since it has more power than the Ministry of Agriculture," he said.

Grain shortages have already led to bidding wars, with grain-deficit provinces in the south sending buyers inland to purchase grain at higher than the state price. This practice was used by Guangdong, which had the highest grain prices in China.

coming out," said Stephen Platt, an oil analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia today defended its oil policy and said it will be the "first" OPEC country to abide by the organisation's production rules if all other members did likewise.

Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, however, said the oil-rich kingdom will "categorically reject" any demand that Saudi Arabia return to its OPEC-assigned output quota while others continue to overproduce.

OPEC's overall output is currently estimated at around 22 million BPD some 3.5 million BPD above the level needed to stabilise prices at the organisation's target of \$18 a barrel.

"We reaffirm today (Saturday) what has been repeatedly stated that the kingdom of Saudi Arabia will be the first country to adhere to its assigned quota provided all OPEC members stuck to their shares in a clear and decisive manner," Nazer said.

ANMAN

File	Jordan Dates	OPMS	CLSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.32	1.33	—
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.96	1.99	—
ARAB BANK	134.0	136.0	—
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.25	4.30	—
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.84	1.86	—
ARAB INSURANCE	1.08	1.07	—
ARAB INT. INV/TRAD.	0.98	0.98	—
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.90	0.99	—
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.58	0.58	—
ARAB JOR/INTV/BK	2.10	2.16	—
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.32	0.34	—
ARAB PHARMA.MANF.	2.12	2.15	—
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75	—
ARAB POTASH CO.	—	—	—
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	—
BANK OF JORDAN	15.55	15.55	—
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	—
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00	—
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	—
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	1.96	1.96	—
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV	1.96	1.96	—
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.64	0.64	—
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.56	0.55	—
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.12	4.30	—
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	—
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.37	1.42	—
GENERAL MINING	1.38	1.45	—
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75	—
HOLD LAND INS.	1.25	1.30	—
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.76	0.77	—
INDSTR. DEVLPT. BIK	1.50	1.50	—
INDSTR./COM/AGR.	1.29	1.30	—
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	—
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13	0.12	—
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86	—
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	—
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.41	1.43	—
J.TOUR-SP. COMPLEX	0.79	0.79	—
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	—
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.00	14.75	—
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.38	1.41	—
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	—
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.69	1.69	—
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.19	1.19	—
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.98	0.99	—
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30	—
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.85	1.86	—
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20	—

KD deposit rates ease

KUWAIT, Nov 5, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates eased from 1988 highs today in moderate trading.

Banks took positions in one-month and short-dated funds, but there was no major influx of liquidity, dealers said.

Dollar buying over the past two weeks has tightened dinar liquidity and on Thursday one-month business hit a 1988 high of eight per cent.

Overnight today plunged to seven per cent from Thursday's 15 per cent while tomorrow and spot-next, quoted at 12, eight per cent on Thursday, traded at between five per cent and 7-1/2 per cent.

One-month was put at 7-1/2, seven per cent after deals at 7-1/2 and 7-5/8 per cent. Other fixed-

period quotes were national at 7-3/8, 6-7/8 per cent for the two-month, 7-1/4, 6-3/4 per cent for the three-month and 7-1/8, 6-5/8 per cent for the six-month.

The Central Bank dinar exchange rate eased to 0.28060/70 to the dollar from Thursday's 0.27996/06, but dealers said there was little demand for the US currency. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.28068/73.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposit rates firmed today, pushing a small rally into its tenth day of trade.

Dealers said rates in fixed periods rose 1/16 point in a quiet market from Thursday's levels, spurred upwards in part by fears the Saudi government might devalue the riyal.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	1.110	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF BANK	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	70000	3
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.310	0.315	0.315	0.315	50000	4
-AHLI BANK	0.385	0.380	0.380	0.380	90000	5
-B.K.M.E	0.395	---	---	---	---	---
-K.R.E.B.	0.390	---	---	---	---	---
-BURGAN BANK	0.305	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.HOUSE	0.560	---	---	---	---	---
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KMT INV. CO.	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
-K.I.T.I.C.	0.142	---	---	---	---	---
-COM.FACILITIES	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-I.F.A.	0.100	---	---	---	---	---
-INV. PEARL KMT	0.104	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KMT INSURANCE	0.730	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF INSURANCE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.445	---	---	---	---	---
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.224	0.220	0.220	0.220	80000	1
-UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.098	---	---	---	---	---
-NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.202	---	---	---	---	---
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT R.E.T.CON	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-NAT IND. CO.	0.540	0.540	0.540	0.540	165000	4
-KUT N.P. IND.	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
-REF. IND. CO.	0.415	---	---	---	---	---
-N.A.M.N.T.CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
-GULF CABLE	1.100	1.090	1.090	1.090	5000	1
-K.PN.IND. CO.	0.194	---	---	---	---	---
-COM.MARINE	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
-K.SH.REP.CO.	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
-K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
-KUT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.156	0.156	0.156	0.156	20000	1
-COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	80000	1
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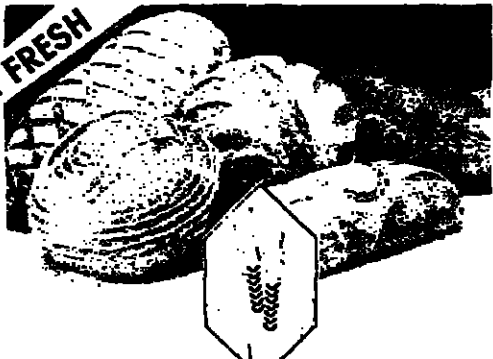
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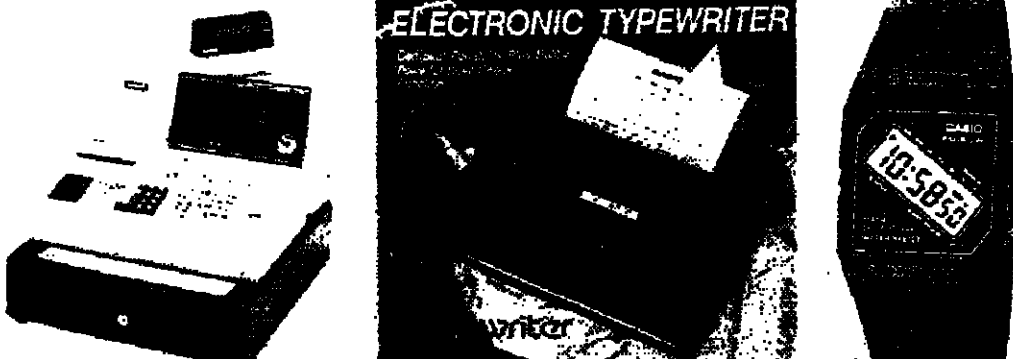
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Johnson and Worthy take Lakers to Mavericks

NEW YORK, Nov 5, (AP): So the Los Angeles Lakers can win in Dallas, after all.

Maybe it was the disappointment with themselves for losing all three playoff games at Reunion Arena last spring. Maybe it was a renewed determination to be dominant on the road. Whatever the reason, the two-time defending champions opened the NBA season last night with a 116-113 victory over the Mavericks.

"Both teams took this as an important game," Lakers guard Byron Scott said. "Last year, we altered on the road. We needed to prove to ourselves that we are a great road team."

Magic Johnson and James Worthy made sure the champions proved themselves on this night. Worthy took a pass from Johnson and scored a layup for the decisive points with 24 seconds to play. Johnson made two free throws and Worthy contributed a steal to seal it.

Struggle
"We made the plays when we got down six points," Lakers coach Pat Riley said. "It was the way we have won some championships in the past. It was a struggle but we won."

Also winning on opening night were the Cleveland Cavaliers, who spoiled the expansion Charlotte Hornets' debut 133-93. The Miami Heat, the NBA's other expansion club, opens tonight, entertaining the Clippers, who fell 129-110 at Philadelphia last night.

In other openers, it was Boston 122, New York 115 in overtime; Atlanta 113, New Jersey 105; Milwaukee 117, Indiana 103; Detroit 107, Chicago 94; Denver 120, Houston 117; Seattle 104, Utah 97; and Portland 120, Phoenix 103.

With 2:34 to play before a sellout crowd of 17,007, Dallas led by six points. Then the Lakers showed their championship class.

"We knew there was still time with two minutes (to play)," Worthy said. "Our defence was great. On my basket, the play was designed for Magic on a pick-and-roll and he was double-teamed. That created a gap. I was fortunate to find one."

After Worthy's layup, Johnson rebounded a missed 3-point attempt by Derek Harper and made two free throws to tie the game.

"If you let down even just a little bit against the Lakers," Harper said, "they will capitalise on it. We didn't execute and they did."

Worthy scored 18 of his 25 points in the second half. Johnson scored 21 points and Scott added 18 as the Lakers began their attempt to become the first club to win three successive NBA titles since Boston in the 1960s.

Rolando Blackman led Dallas with 34 points.

Cavaliers 133, Hornets 93
The Hornets gave a packed house of 23,388 a taste of what expansion life is like in the pros. After Kelly Tripucka got the franchise's first points on a layup 1:48 into the game and Charlotte took a 34-32 lead in the second quarter, the Cavaliers took charge.

Larry Nance sparked a 34-6 spurt with 11 points in 4:12. A basket by Nance with 8:19 left in the first half tied the score and Craig Ehlo's layup put the Cavaliers ahead to stay with 8:02 to go.

KINCEN LOSES ON POINTS

Hearns clinches WBO title

LAS VEGAS, Nov 5, (Reuters): Thomas Hearns survived an early knockdown to beat underdog James Kinchen on a split points decision and win the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super middleweight title and a record fifth world crown yesterday.

Kinchen, a late substitute to fight Hearns, turned out to be a much tougher opponent than many had expected.

Cheers
One judge scored the 12-round fight 114-113 for Kinchen, while the other two judges had Hearns winning 115-112 and 114-112.

There were boos as well as cheers from the crowd of 7,573 at the Las Vegas Hilton as the decision was announced.

Kinchen, told only a few weeks ago that he would replace Hearn's original opponent Fulgencio Obelmejias of Venezuela who was injured, pursued Hearns for the most of the fight.

Kinchen caught Hearns against the ropes in the fourth round with two rights that dropped him to the canvas. Hearns



Hearns (right) lands a right to the head of Kinchen. (Reuters wirephoto)

got up after an eight count but was clearly hurt.

He grasped for anything he could find to hang on until the end of the round. He clung to Kinchen, refusing to let go when American referee Mills Lane

tried to break it up. Hearns grasped the ropes and then even hugged Lane for a while.

At the end of the round Lane deducted a point from Hearns for "continuous holding."

Hearns came back in the fifth

round with solid jabs and danced away from Kinchen's right.

On several occasions the fighters slugged it out toe-to-toe then smiled at the end of the rounds and patted one another with respect.

In addition to the WBO title—the first the new organisation has sanctioned—Hearns has won the World Boxing Association's welterweight crown and the World Boxing Council's (WBC) super welterweight as well as the WBC light heavyweight and WBC middleweight titles.

Hearns, 30, who lost his WBC middleweight title when he was knocked out in an upset by fellow-American Iran Barkley last June, had wanted to look impressive to back his claim that he was a great boxer and deserved a fight with Sugar Ray Leonard.

Hearns yesterday, however, was far from Hall of Fame calibre as the relatively unknown Kinchen, 31, had the champion in serious trouble and kept landing powerful right hands to the head.

Blue House win championship

BLUE HOUSE won the New Indian School's 6th Annual Athletics Meet at the Rumeithiya Boy's Secondary School on Thursday.

Blue House athletes put in a remarkable performance, tallying 108 points to take the championship trophy.

Louis Morris proved that he was the best among the boys by emerging champion in the Senior Boys' Division while Denise Fernandes took the Senior Girls' title.

Best
In the Intermediate Boys' Division, Brian Miranda took the top honour while Nizy Elizabeth Sam was the best in the Intermediate Girls' Division.

The Junior Division produced Anvey Antoo as champion among the boys while Valentina D'Souza proved her supremacy among the girls.

The meet started with the event, being declared open by Dr K.T.B. Menon, the chief guest and vice-patron of the school, followed by a march past by the four houses.

Dr Menon presented the trophies and individual trophies to the winners at the end of the meet.



Mario Fernandez (Red House) crosses the finish line to win the relay race for his team.



Valley D'Souza won the cycle race.

Three-way tie for lead

SYDNEY, Nov 5, (Reuters): Greg Norman charged into contention for the Australian PGA championship today with a course record 64.

Norman, seven shots adrift of the lead at the start of the third round, fired seven birdies and an eagle for a share of first place on 207 with fellow Australians Brett Ogle and Peter Senior.

Showed
Ogle, leader since Thursday, maintained his momentum by carding 71. Senior shot 69.

Norman, displaced as world number one earlier this week by Severiano Ballesteros, showed he had rediscovered his touch after a dismal three-over-par opening round of 75.

He said afterwards that he had hoped to take advantage of being out early by registering a blistering round to intimidate his rivals.

Cochran stays two strokes ahead

TUCSON, Ariz., Nov 5, (Reuters): Russ Cochran overcame a nervous start to equal his opening round 65 yesterday for a 14-under-par 130 total and a two-stroke lead at the \$600,000 Tucson Open golf tournament.

South Africa's David Frost shot a six-under-par 66 for the second successive day and was alone in second place at 132.

Hale Irwin moved into third place on the strength of a seven-under 65 and John Cook and Don Pooley were tied for fourth place, five strokes behind Cochran.

Beginning his round on the back side Cochran carded four straight birdies from the 13th hole and added birdies on holes four, five and seven. Key chip-ins on six, 10 and 18 to save par made for a bogey-free round.

Greenidge and Richards hammer S. Australia

ADELAIDE, Nov 5, (Reuters): Gordon Greenidge hit 213 and Viv Richards 136 as the West Indies put themselves into a commanding position on the second day of their four-day match against South Australia today.

The West Indies, resuming at 296 for three, declared at 593 for eight at tea and, by the close, had South Australia reeling at 57 for three in reply.

Greenidge, 158 not out overnight, continued his rampage today before he was finally caught by David Hookes off Peter Sleep. He hit 30 fours in his 497-minute innings.

Richards, in his first match for more than two months, hit 24 fours off 172 deliveries in 160 minutes.

When South Australia batted, they found the West Indies attack in a destructive mood. Courtney Walsh was the chief destroyer, removing opener Glenn Bishop for 12 and South Australian captain David Hookes for eight.

Malcolm Marshall picked up the wicket of Andrew Hilditch for eight, when he popped a simple catch to Richie Richardson at silly mid-on.

Hookes at least had the satisfaction of scoring his 10,000th run in first-class cricket before his dismissal.

The West Indies total was their



Richards during his innings of 136. (Reuters wirephoto)

highest in Adelaide, overhauling their previous best 514 scored during their 1984-85 tour.

The day belonged to Richards whose 169-run partnership with Greenidge was a record fourth wicket stand for the touring team in Adelaide.

They brought up their 100 partnership in 95 minutes after scoring a run a minute in the first hour of play.

Scoreboard
WEST INDIES first innings:
G. Greenidge c Hookes b Sleep 213
D. Haynes lbw b Sleep 79
Richards c Hookes b Gladigan 35
C. Hooper c Anderson b Sleep 14
V. Richards c Zesers b Sleep 136
G. Leggie c Kilian b Zesers 32
J. Deon c Sleep b Zesers 39
M. Marshall not out 21

C. Ambrose c Anderson b Zesers 4
W. Benjamin not out 9
Extras (lb-8 nb-2 w-1) 11
Total (eight wickets dec) 593
Fall of wickets: 1-168 2-256 3-289 4-428 5-495 6-533 7-570 8-584.
Bowling: Gladigan 33-6-99-1 (2 nb), Kilian 24-2-112-0 (1 w), Zesers 43-12-139-3, Sleep 52-8-207-4, Hookes 4-0-28-0.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA first innings
G. Bishop c Leggie b Walsh 12
A. Hilditch c Richardson b Marshall 8
P. Nobes not out 13
D. Hookes c Deon b Walsh 8
W. Phillips not out 11
Extras (lb-1 nb-4) 5
Total (three wickets) 57
Fall of wickets: 1-22 2-28 3-38
Bowling: Marshall 6-0-14-1 (2 nb), Ambrose 5-2-14-0 (2 nb), Walsh 5-2-10-2, Benjamin 6-1-11-0, Hooper 5-3-3-0, Richards 3-1-4-0.

O'Donnell returns career best figures of six for 54

SYDNEY, Nov 5, (Reuters): Victoria captain Simon O'Donnell returned career-best bowling figures of six for 54 today as New South Wales were dismissed for 173 in reply to 175.

At the close of the second day, Victoria were 42 without loss in their second innings.

O'Donnell removed John Dyson for eight, Mark and Steve Waugh and Steve Smith for nought, Peter Taylor for one and Greg Matthews for 12.

New South Wales were 39 for five at lunch and only an 87-run ninth wicket partnership between Greg Dyer, who made the best score of 69, and Geoff Lawson saved them from total collapse.

In Brisbane, Tasmania finished well in command against Queensland, who were 125 for three in reply to 405.

Wicket-keeper Richard Soule and all-rounder Greg Campbell came together when Tasmania were 289 for nine and departed just over two and a half hours later with the total at 405. Soule finished 80 not out after the pair had added 116 for the last wicket—a record against Queensland.

In Sydney: Victoria 175 and 42 for no wicket. New South Wales 173 (G. Dyer 69, S. O'Donnell six for 54).

In Brisbane: Tasmania 405 (D. Wellham 92, R. Soule 80 not out). Queensland 125 for three (P. Cantrell 41).

Samuelson to run in marathon

NEW YORK, Nov 5, (Reuters): American Joan Benoit Samuelson, away from long distance running for three years because of the birth of her daughter and a series of injuries, makes her return to competition at the 19th New York marathon tomorrow.

The race will provide the first rematch between Samuelson and Grete Waitz of Norway since the 1984 Olympics. In Los Angeles, Samuelson won the first Olympic women's marathon and Waitz took the silver.

Britain's Steve Jones, who ran three sub-2:09 marathons in 1984 and 1985, has bounced back from injuries and is considered the men's favourite.

"I want to prove I can still win major marathons," said Jones.

Far East take PBAK bowling tourney crown

AR EAST RESTAURANT on the PBAK Women's International Bowling Tournament title at the 300 Club on Friday morning.

Far East beat Magnolia Ice team in their last match to add a trophy for this tournament to one they got for taking the 1988 Palaro Championship.

The Far East team comprises Jo Reyes (team captain), Eva (bay vice-captain), Bojo Hamon, Cora Paras, Malou Tadena, Marilynne Tequila and Charie pompueno.

Pinfalls

Cecile Contreras was voted Most Valuable Bowler after taking the best High Average of 7.1 for the tournament. She also had the second best High Average of the tournament with 3 pinfalls.

Jo Reyes took the High Game trophy with a score of 235 pinfalls while her deputy Eva Sabay took the second best High Average of the tournament—161.6.

GED's Kay & Associates made a strong finish in their final games to take the first runners-up slot while Magnolia Ice team finished in the second runners-up spot.

Stz Alinea took the High Average with 588 pinfalls while a Gananciai was second with 583.

ED's team was based on Anna, Arteen Bonacillo.



Far East with the Philippine ambassador (2nd right).

Arce Ruiz, Gina Nepomuceno, Bhe Gumoy and Tess Latip.

Lynne Reyes, Julie Sayed, Lilia Gananciai, Mercy Laboros, Vangie Gepte, Baby Milante, Luz Mesenas, Chit Acosta, Rica Chuachingo, Vangie-Simoy and Glo Estandarte made up the Magnolia squad.

Boodal Aviation finished third runners-up. They were represented by Bevelyn Penaloza, Tess Olor, Helen Inserto, Sarah Macarimbang, Florence Cagaid, Vicky Mendoza, Elsa Varghese and Sameera Abdulwahab. Tess Olor captured the Rookie Bowler award.

The prize distribution was

held on Friday evening. The Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait Alunan C. Glang gave away the prizes. He was assisted by Manny Inserto, president of PBAK.

Nafez Fauzi Al Aqras of Al Qabandi Corporation was the most decorated bowler for the night. He took the High Series and High Average awards. In the men's section, the Most Valuable Bowler award went to Arthur Reyes of Phil Supreme.

Reyes overall performance also made him the Player of the Year. The Rookie Bowler award was taken by Cris Rivera of Public Ports Authority.



Magnolia: the second runners-up.



Cecile Contreras shakes hands with Manny Inserto after receiving her trophy from the Philippine ambassador (centre).

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Linford Christie

LONDON, Nov 5. (UPI): Sprinter Linford Christie insisted today that Britain's track and field athletes were the "cleanest in the world." The double Olympic silver medalist, who was receiving an award today as Britain's Athlete of the Year, dismissed claims that half the country's internationalists had taken drugs.

Wightman Cup

LONDON, Nov 5. (UPI): The United States won the Wightman Tennis Cup for the 10th successive year Friday when it took an unbeaten 4-0 lead over Britain at the Royal Albert Hall. Lori McNeil, 24, and 32-year-old veteran Betsy Nagelsen assured the US of victory when they beat Britain's Sara Gomer, 24, and Julie Salmon, 22, 6-3, 6-2 in their doubles match after McNeil had beaten Gomer 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 6-4 in the opening singles of the night.

United front

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Nov 5. (Reuters): Swiss federations from around the world agreed today to draw up plans for presenting a united front in the fight against drugs.

1992 Games

MEXICO CITY, Nov 5. (AP): Cuba will participate in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain after boycotting this year's games in South Korea, the official Cuban News Service reported.

Hines triumphs

LAS VEGAS, Nov 5. (Reuters): American Robert Hines survived two knockdowns yesterday before jabbing his way to a unanimous points decision to win the International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior-middleweight title from Canadian Matthew Hilton. In another IBF bout, American Michael Nunn stopped Juan Domingo Roldan of Argentina in the eighth round to retain his middleweight crown.

Fine paid

SANTIAGO, Nov 5. (Reuters): The Chilean Football Federation (CFF) yesterday revived its hopes of participating in the 1990 World Cup when it paid a \$46,000 fine to the International Football Federation (FIFA), CFF president Miguel Nasur said.

Jorge resigns

PARIS, Nov 5. (Reuters): Artur Jorge, who led Porto to the European Cup title in 1987, resigned as trainer of French First Division Matra Racing Paris yesterday for health reasons, the club said.

Czechs triumph

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Nov 5. (AP): Czechoslovakia defeated Norway 3-2 (3-1) in a friendly international soccer match at Bratislava yesterday before 3,000 spectators.

W. German soccer

BONN, Nov 5. (Reuters): West German First Division soccer results today: St Paul 0 Bayern Munich 0, Cologne 1 Hannover 0, Waldhof 2 Stuttgart 1, VfB Stuttgart 4 Hamburg 1, Karlsruhe 4 Kaiserslautern 1, Eintracht 0 Werder 1, Nuremberg 0 Borussia D 0, Bayer U 0 Borussia M 2, Bochum 1 Borussia 2.

Women's tennis

NEW YORK, Nov 5. (Reuters): American Stephanie Rehe, West German Sylvia Hanika and Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria are the three latest players to qualify for the million dollar Championships of Women's Tennis, tournament organisers announced yesterday.

LIVERPOOL BRUSH ASIDE MIDDLESBROUGH

Norwich tame Wimbledon to extend lead

LONDON, Nov 5. (Reuters): Norwich maintained their grip on the English First Division lead and moved seven points clear of their nearest rivals when they scored a 2-0 win at Wimbledon in the League soccer programme today.

Andy Linighan opened their tally in the 36th minute and second half substitute Malcolm Allen added the second in the 72nd to keep up Norwich's 100 per cent record in the League away from home.

Norwich showed no ill-effects from their League Cup elimination at Second Division Leicester in midweek as they recorded their fifth away League win of the season.

Maintained

Arsenal, second overnight, were not in action until tomorrow but Millwall, Liverpool and Southampton maintained the pressure on the leaders with emphatic home wins.

Millwall, who lost their record as the only unbeaten club in the League last weekend, bounced back with a 3-1 win over Luton, hammering three goals past their visitors in seven minutes midway through the first half.

Ian Rush, rediscovering his lethal goal touch, opened Liverpool's tally one minute before the interval and John Aldridge and Peter Beardsley added two more late in the second half to give the

champions a 3-0 victory over Middlesbrough.

Graham Baker and Danny Wallace struck second half goals to propel Southampton to a 2-0 win over Charlton.

Norwich lead the table with 26 points from 11 games, ahead of Millwall (19) and Liverpool and Southampton (18). Millwall have one game in hand.

Tottenham's gloom deepened at the other end of the table as Derby defeated the London side 3-1 and left them three points adrift at the bottom.

Paul Stewart, a £1.7 million (\$2.9 million) close-season signing, netted his first goal for Tottenham in the sixth minute.

But Ted McMinn struck for Derby in the 24th and 63rd minutes and Derby's £1 million (\$1.7 million) new boy Dean Saunders sealed another miserable Tottenham day with the third 20 minutes from the end.

In another corner of London, Norwich celebrated their first win over Wimbledon, a club in trouble this week following an attack by one of their players on Manchester United defender Viv Anderson in a League cup match on Wednesday.

Central defender Linighan headed home a perfect cross from Dale Gordon and substitute Allen volleyed brilliantly past Wimbledon goalkeeper Hans Segers with his first kick.



Aldridge

Rush, goalsy on his initial return to Liverpool from Juventus Turin, netted his fourth goal in six games as the title-holders recorded their first home League victory since September 3.

As Arsenal had to wait a day for their visit to Nottingham Forest, Millwall reclaimed second spot with a goal salvo from Teddy Sheringham, Kevin O'Callaghan (penalty) and Ian Dawes between the 18th and

25th minutes.

Danny Wilson scored a consolation goal for Luton two minutes from the end but the match had long been over as a contest.

Former Norwich defender Steve Bruce gave Manchester United a 42nd minute lead at home to Aston Villa but Gordon Cowans rescued Villa with a 61st minute equaliser.

Manchester United's ex-Villa defender Colin Gibson was taken off on a stretcher midway through the first half with a recurrence of a knee injury.

Everton's Welsh international goalkeeper Neville Southall saved a seventh minute penalty from Sheffield Wednesday's Gary Megson and Trevor Steven scored from the spot to give the Merseyside club a 56th minute lead.

But Mel Sterland scored a late equaliser for the Sheffield team.

Tommy Tynan netted all four goals in Plymouth's 4-3 win over Blackburn in the Second Division, including three in the first half — his second hat-trick of the season. It took his League tally for Plymouth to 100.

In the Scottish Premier Division, Rangers maintained their lead with a 2-1 home victory over Motherwell but Glasgow rivals Celtic stole the limelight by trouncing Hamilton 8-0 away. Frank McAvennie and Mark McGhee both hit hat-tricks and

Billy Stark and Joe Miller netted Celtic's other goals against the division's bottom club.

John Brown scored but Robbie Russell equalised for Motherwell a minute before halftime only for Kevin Drinkell to secure both points for the leaders with a header in injury time.

Aberdeen, the only unbeaten team in the League, bounced back for a 2-1 win at Hibernian despite conceding a goal to former Scotland striker Steve Archibald after only 30 seconds.

Archibald, however, missed a penalty after Charlie Nicholas had equalised for Aberdeen. It was a costly miss because former Arsenal man Nicholas went on to net the winner.

Results

English Division One

Coverly 1 West Ham 1
Liverpool 3 Middlesbrough 1
Manchester U 1 Aston Villa 1
Millwall 3 Luton 1
QPR 3 Newcastle 0
Sheff Wed 1 Everton 1
Southampton 2 Charlton 0
Tottenham 2 Derby 3
Wimbledon 0 Norwich 2
Playing Sunday: Nottingham Forest v Arsenal

English Division Two

Birmingham 0 Portsmouth 0
Bradford 0 Bournemouth 1
Bristol 0 Shrewsbury 1
Brighton 1 Barnsley 1
Crystal P 1 Swindon 0
Hull 0 Leeds 1
Ipswich 0 Manchester C 0
Leicester 0 Manchester C 0
Oldham 3 Walsall 3
Plymouth 4 Blackburn 3
Sunderland 1 Stoke 1

Scottish Premier Division

Dundee U 2 Dundee 0
Hamilton 1 Celtic 8
Hibernian 1 Aberdeen 2
Rangers 2 Motherwell 1
St Mirren 1 Hearts 1

Scottish Division One

Airdrie 2 Ayr 1
Clyde 3 Queen of S 1
Clydebank 2 St Johnstone 0
Dumfries 2 Forth 1
Kilmarnock 0 Falkirk 2
Morton 2 Meadowbank 3
Raith 5 Partick 3

Scottish Division Two

Alloa 1 Stranraer 1
Arbroath 2 Queen's Park 2
Berwick 0 Cowdenbeath 1
East Fife 1 Brechin 0
E Strirling 1 Stirling 2
Montrose 1 Dumbarton 1
Stenhousemuir 2 Albion 3

Underwood takes England past Australia

LONDON, Nov 5. (Reuters): Two second-half tries within six minutes by left-wing Rory Underwood spurred England to a 28-19 win over Australia in a pulsating rugby union international at Twickenham today.

Underwood's brace of tries came against the run of play when Australia seemed to have the match under control.

Volatile Australian left-wing David Campese had broken a 9-9 halftime deadlock with a 70-

metre intercept try and the Wallabies were enjoying a monopoly of possession thanks to outstanding lineout jumping by their towering locks Steve Cutler and Bill Campbell.

But the spirited England team fought back magnificently, spearheaded by their powerful number eight Dean Richards.

Richards, well supported throughout the match by flanker Andy Robinson, whose speed was a revelation, was instrumen-

tal in setting up Underwood's second try with his surge through the midfield to give England an unstoppable momentum.

Jon Webb's touchline conversion gave England a 22-13 lead and the match was seemingly in their grasp.

But just six minutes from full-time Wallaby right-wing James Grant found himself in the clear and raced behind the posts to score. Michael Lynagh's conversion put Australia just three

points behind and right back into the game.

England, however, were not to be denied. Centre Will Carling, in his first international as captain, made the break, flyhalf Rob Andrew carried the ball on and centre Simon Halliday was left with a clear field in front of him.

Halliday duly scored, Webb converted and the triumphant England team had inflicted Australia's fourth defeat in seven tour matches.

Sweden outlast Albania

TIRANA, Nov 5. (Reuters): Favourites Sweden snatched a 2-1 victory from a valiant Albania after trailing for most of a scrappy World Cup group qualifying soccer match today.

Sweden, looking a shadow of the team which held England to a goalless draw at Wembley last month, struggled during the first half with one of their poorest recent performances.

Single The win gave Sweden a one-point lead over Poland at the top

of the European Group Two, with England still in strong contention with a single point from their only match so far, the home game against Sweden.

Sweden, on their first visit to Tirana, failed to create any scoring chances in the first half and allowed Albania a series of breakaway chances through large holes in their normally tight and well-disciplined defence.

The home team played tirelessly, running for every ball on the uneven and rain-drenched pitch.

Bahrain relay set for Nov 25

By Yakub Razaque

THE Bahrain marathon relay, a major annual social and sports event on the island, will be staged this year on Nov 25.

The relay has been organised jointly by the Bahrain Hash House Harriers and Bahrain Round Table.

As in previous years the proceeds from this popular event will be donated to charities on the island.

Bob Willmott, chairman of the organising committee is optimistic about the success of the event. "We hope the relay will attract as many people as last year, about 60,000 people if not more. This year we have made sure that the participants were informed much in advance so that they would be well prepared for the race."

He added that with the help of the media the organisers were able to inform companies and individuals much earlier than it was done last year.

Last year more than BD15,000 was raised for local charities and 50 teams took part.

The Bahrain marathon relay is sponsored this year by Faxline 100, which has given BD5,000, while the American Company AT&T is sponsoring the final stage for BD1,885.

As before, the course will be 75 km split into 25 stages of 3 km each. There will be a new route this year in order to avoid the 'bottleneck' on Sira Causeway.

The Diplomat Hotel is hosting the event this year. A raffle will be held and a host of prizes, including a car for first prize, will be given away.

Participants from other Gulf countries are also expected to compete in the event.

The Bahrain marathon relay was first organised by the British Club for a number of years, before it was taken over in 1985 by the Bahrain Hash House Harriers and Bahrain Round Table.

Ghesnokov reaches final

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 5. (Reuters): Fifth seed Andrei Ghesnokov of the Soviet Union ended Amos Mansdorf's reign as giant-killer today to reach the final of the \$1 million European Community Tennis Championship.

Though unseeded, Mansdorf became favourite to win the tournament — famous for its \$1 million gold and diamond trophy — after beating title holder and top seed Ivan Lendl in the second round.

Mansdorf, who won last week's Paris Indoor Grand Prix tournament, also disposed of seventh seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador in the quarterfinals.

But the 22-year-old Ghesnokov ruled from the baseline to end Mansdorf's run with a 7-6 (7-3) 6-3 win and will meet either

sixth seeded American John McEnroe or Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek in tomorrow's final.

The tight first set advanced to five-all after the players twice exchanged service-breaks.

Ghesnokov, ranked 15th in the world, held his nerve serve and then reached setpoint on Mansdorf's serve. But he hit an easy forehand shot wide and Mansdorf profited to even the score to 6-6.

In the tiebreak Ghesnokov hit an ace for a 6-3 lead and converted a setpoint by firing a volley past Mansdorf in a duel at the net.

Games stayed even until 2-2 in the second set. Then Ghesnokov pulled ahead to 4-2 after breaking with a superb passing shot from the edge of the court.

Lundgren sails past Courier

STOCKHOLM, Nov 5. (Reuters): Unseeded Swede Peter Lundgren, carrying the home crowd's hopes after the exit of Stefan Edberg and Mats Wilander, beat American Jim Courier today for a berth in the final of the Stockholm Open tennis tournament.

Lundgren, ranked 100th in the world, broke Courier's serve twice in the first set and once in the second for a comfortable 6-3 6-3 victory. The match was over in 80 minutes.

He will meet the winner of the semifinal between West Ger-

many's Boris Becker, the third seed, and American Dan Goldie in tomorrow's final of the \$642,500 indoor event.

"Goldie would suit me better but Becker would be fun. My record against him is 0-5. I would like to beat him," said Lundgren who eliminated Olympic champion Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia in the second round.

The Swede seems to have regained much of the good form which earned him a 26th place in the world rankings last year when he won two Grand Prix tournaments.

RUGBY

French score easy victory over Pumas

NANTES, France, Nov 5. (Reuters): France rampaged to their biggest win over Argentina in more than a decade today, using their much-criticised running game to devastating effect as they crushed the Pumas 29-9.

Two tries from Serge Blanco in the first half and one each by Marc Cellon, Patrice Lagisquet and Laurent Rodriguez in the second period inflicted the damage on a Pumas defence which tottered and finally collapsed.

Style Argentina, rarely threatening to score a try, could only respond with three penalties from Fabian Turres.

The French XV have been roundly attacked at home for persisting in copying the All Black style of straight running at speed despite mediocre results of late.

But the decision to carry on was fully vindicated by the way the French tore apart a defence which had proved solid during the tour of Argentina this summer when the test series was tied 1-1. The Pumas won the second Test in Buenos Aires 18-6.

Blanco said afterwards: "This time everyone will have to agree with the type of the game we are playing. The controversy is over."

Stephanie Rehe 7-5 6-2 in a baseline duel.

Evert had trouble with Potter's hard first serve and aggressive net play in the opening set and found herself down 4-3, 30-40 in the second set before a forehand error by Potter erased the match point.

"She has a tough serve and if it's on she can beat anyone," Evert said. "She was playing well in the first set and I felt a little flat. It wasn't any where near an easy match."

Potter, ranked 10 in the world, changed her shirt three times during the match — a practice that has caused a stir since an on-court change at Wimbledon — drawing a time delay warning at 5-5.

The warning frustrated Potter who appeared to have trouble maintaining concentration as she lost the last two games.

In the third set, Evert came up with a service break in the third game and used pinpoint passing shots to hold off Potter.

Navratilova cruises into semifinals



Navratilova: thrashed Sukova

WORCESTER, Mass. Nov 5. (Reuters): Top seed Martina Navratilova coasted into the semifinals of the \$300,000 New England Tennis Tournament yesterday, while second seed Chris Evert narrowly escaped elimination.

Navratilova, who has not dropped a set all week, met with little resistance and powered her way to a 6-1 6-2 victory over fifth seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia.

Navratilova in the semifinals will face third-seeded Argentine Gabriela Sabatini, who used her heavy topspin groundstrokes to fight off a strong first set challenge from Canadian Helen Kerfer before advancing with a 7-5 6-4 win.

Evert had to stave off a second set match point before recovering to oust seventh-seeded fellow American Barbara Potter 4-6 7-5 6-2.

Evert will next face sixth seed Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union, who defeated American



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